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ECONOMIC CRISIS IN COLONY

Foreign advisers in Canton

Unidentified foreign advisers have arrived in Canton. They are directing military exercises at Whampoa, according to the afternoon vernacular. "Wah Kiu Man Po" yesterday.

In a message from Canton, the newspaper said that extensive army exercises are in progress in the Whampoa area. Sounds of gun fire were audible in the Kwangtung capital during the Easter holidays.

The city was also crowded with Communist troops. Their sudden appearance in the streets caused tension among the population.

The newspaper said that it was learned that the exercises at Whampoa were being carried out with newly-arrived weapons under the direction of unidentified foreign technicians.

In a separate message, also from Canton, the "Wah Kiu Man Po" said that regulations for controlling the entry and departure of people from Canton will be enforced from April 15.

Those who intend to leave the city will be required to obtain a travelling permit first in addition to an identification certificate and provide two shop guarantors.

Fighter planes.

The morning vernacular "Wah Kiu Yat Po" quoting a recent arrival here from the China mainland said that the Chinese Communists have probably now obtained 500 fighter aircraft from the Soviet Union.

It added that a considerable number of air force personnel has also been sent from Russia to China to assist in the setting up of training camps in North East China, North China and Central China.

The newspaper added that its informant said that the Chinese Communists have established two big flying training schools at Hankow and Peking.

Peking Radio attacks Dulles, Lattimore

San Francisco, April 9. Peking Radio today blasted the "reactionaries" Owen Lattimore and John Foster Dulles, who they said were trying to push the United States' aggressive designs in the Far East.

The broadcast criticised Mr. Lattimore, "so-called Far Eastern expert" whose Department of State memorandum on American policy in the Far East, it said, proved that the United States was planning to dominate Asia. It added that despite Senator Joseph McCarthy's charges that Mr. Lattimore was a Communist, the memorandum definitely revealed Mr. Lattimore's "imperialist counter-revolution."

Turning to Mr. Dulles, the broadcast said his appointment as adviser to the State Department likewise showed the "warlike nature" of the Department's policies. It termed Mr. Dulles the "No. 1 war-monger of the United States," a typical representative of the United States monopoly of capitalism who had been repudiated by the American people during their last election.

It said Mr. Dulles was an out-and-out exponent of American cold war policy against the anti-imperialist people of the world.

It also charged that warmongers were spreading rumours about flying saucers and unidentified submarines off the West Coast. "This is not a coincidence," it added. It said the U.S. Navy cooked up a similar submarine scare two years ago after similar circumstances when Congress was also considering an increased military budget.—United Press.

The Weather

At 0800 GMT (3 p.m. H.K.T.) a ridge of high pressure covers Japan. Pressure is falling over S. China and the ridge is developing to the E. of Formosa.

Today's Forecast: Moderate S. winds. Cloudy, with light rain or drizzle at first.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum 60.0 deg. F. Minimum 48.0 deg. F. Rainfall 0.0 in. Humidity 70%.

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U.S. DOLLAR DECLINE

Hong Kong today is going through a severe economic crisis, though to the outsider this is hidden under a surface of superficial prosperity.

This crisis was not unforeseen. In fact it was expected as far back as early last year, when the Chinese Communists made their spectacular sweep down from the North.

India-Pakistan agreement approved

New Delhi, April 10. India's Parliament today approved a new India-Pakistan agreement that Premier Jawaharlal Nehru said had halted the feuding countries on the brink of war.

"We have stopped ourselves at the edge of a precipice and turned our back to it," said Indian Premier Nehru in announcing details of the agreement to Parliament.

Nehru called upon the governments and peoples of both India and Pakistan to "put an end to that vicious atmosphere that has surrounded us for the two and a half years" since India and Pakistan won independence from Britain.

The agreement between Nehru and Pakistan's Premier Liaquat Ali Khan, designed to halt Hindu-Muslim clashes that have taken hundreds of lives, provided for:

1. The security of minorities in Pakistan and India.
2. Unhindered migration across the border of India and Pakistan for Hindus and Moslems.
3. Special commissions on both sides to investigate any violations of the agreement.

India's Parliament approved the agreement on a voice vote. It may be discussed, however, in a general debate this month on the situation in Bengal—scene of the most recent communal disturbances.

In the agreement announced today, the India and Pakistan Governments agreed to prevent the dissemination of news and "mischievous opinion that might rouse communal passion" and to ban "propaganda directed against the territorial integrity of either country or inciting a war between the two countries."

Pakistan pledge

In Karachi, Pakistan's Premier, Liaquat Ali Khan, today pledged himself to carry out in full the agreement with India. He said the agreement was a "new chapter in the history of India and Pakistan."

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Forty-four dead, missing in series of disasters

Chicago, April 10. The authorities counted 44 persons dead or missing today in the series of Easter shipwrecks and plane crashes.

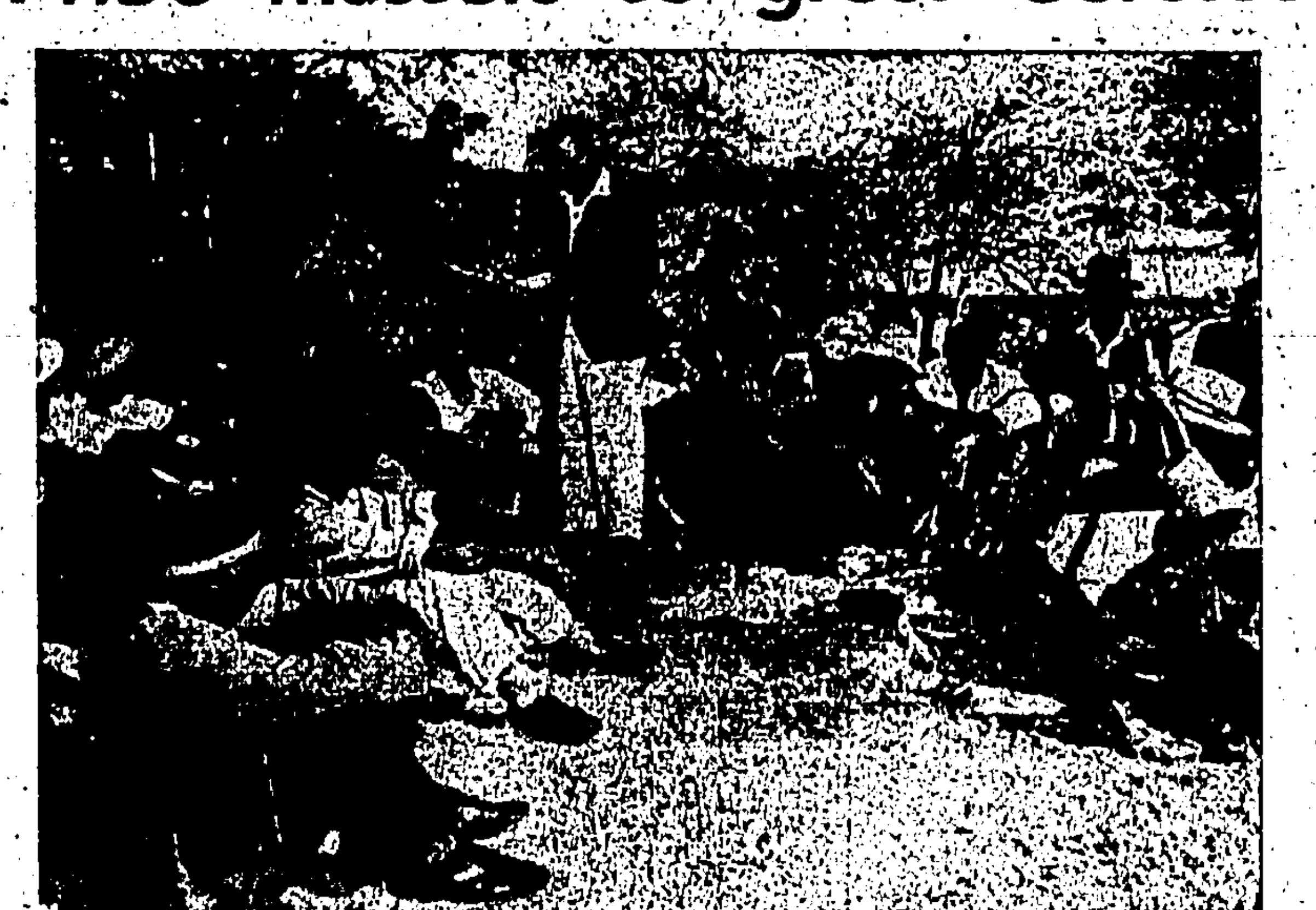
Air-sea rescue units scoured thousands of square miles of ocean in four separate searches for 68 men missing and feared dead aboard ships and planes lost at sea. Six other persons, including a Los Angeles family of four, died in crashes involving private planes.

Two New England fishing vessels carrying a total of eight men were missing in the wake of a violent snow and wind storm off the coast of Massachusetts described by the Coast Guard as the "worst of the season." The Coast Guard sent out five planes and three fast rescue vessels to search for a 30,000-square-mile area.

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Tribe musters to greet Seretse



More than 100 Bamangwato tribesmen arrived at Gaborone in Bechuanaland, Africa, to greet their Chief designate, Seretse Khama, on his arrival by air from Britain. Here Seretse's uncle and principal headman, Peto Sekgoma (standing) reads a telegram to him. Seretse's wife, the London-born former Ruth Williams, advising that Seretse's aircraft had been delayed.—A.P. photo.

Easter brings no respite in China's civil war

Taipei, April 10. Easter brought no respite in China's civil war—only the prospect of more severe fighting and the possibility of Communist air raids on Taiwan.

Press reports recounted a fresh amphibious assault on the sea coast near Shanghai by guerrillas who stormed ashore on April 5 and withdrew after causing great havoc.

As in the raid on March 13, the guerrillas landed in the vicinity of Nanhwei, 20 miles South East of Shanghai.

They consisted of several hundred well-equipped men belonging to Kiangsu Province's anti-Communist self-defence army and had the co-operation of comrades ashore.

The days before the landing, the seaborne guerrillas—so reports claimed—sank more than 90 troop-laden Communist junks and captured six more which were fully loaded.

They smashed ashore on April 5 and, despite fierce resistance, destroyed more than 100 junks at the water's edge and captured 14 others.

The raid, like the previous one, was staged from Chusan Island, the Nationalist blockade base 10 miles South East of Shanghai.

Reports from Chusan said General Shih Chueh's Nationalist troops there were fighting trim for an expected Communist attack.

The troops, in six days of hard exercises, had repelled theoretical invasion in which the supposed enemy suffered tremendous losses.

Blockade tightened

Because of recent Nationalist naval sweeps along the coast near Chusan, service quarters here believe the Reds might launch their expected invasion of the vital island from Shanghai instead of points closer.

As a result, the blockade of Shanghai has been tightened. A Chinese correspondent with the Nationalist blockade fleet says hardly a single vessel, no matter how small, manages to elude it.

"Every Communist military ship sighted is sunk at once," he declares.

"Thrusting" appearing craft, such as fishing boats, are closely inspected before being allowed to go on their way.

The Nationalist warships, he adds, use radar detection at night. In Taiwan, still further measures were ordered in an attempt to minimize casualties in the event of Communist air raids.

Air raid shelters

Civilians in this Nationalist capital city were advised to build air raid shelters and water wells before the end of this month, and were told they could have free advice from the police.

Despatches from the South China Island of Hainan said victory over the "wild" Communist invaders on April 8—already reported—was complete.

The reports claimed that the Communists comprised the 388th Division, Red Commander Lin Hsiao-chang's 40th Army.

The news made the Government in Hainan more confident that the island would remain in its hands.

Gurkhas kill 7 terrorists in Malaya

Singapore, April 10. Seven terrorists are known to have been killed and five captured by a patrol of the 1/7 Gurkha Rifles yesterday in an operation in Negri Sembilan. In addition, one bandit was wounded but escaped. The patrol suffered no casualties.

One guerrilla was shot and killed by a patrol when they raided a bandit camp in the Baling area of Kedah. The police announcement of this said that the bandit was a known Indian terrorist.

Armed with Sten guns, Brens and rifles, 50 to 60 bandits attacked a lorry collecting latex in the Kota Tinggi area of Johore yesterday, seriously wounding its driver and slightly injuring two escorting constables. The lorry was completely burned out.

A latex lorry was also attacked in the Kuala Kangsar area but was only slightly damaged.

Meanwhile, in London, the Conservative "Daily Mail" today splashed a report that the British Government would receive this week an urgent request for military reinforcements for Malaya.

It said the requests would include a demand for at least one extra British division and a correspondingly large increase of close-support squadrons of the Royal Air Force.

The newspaper stated: "It is understood that the civilian chiefs in Malaya considered that at least two more divisions are really needed to bring the war against the Communist bandits to an early end."—Reuter.

Egypt protests to U.S. over "Life" article

London, April 10. Egypt has protested to the State Department in Washington against what it calls "defamatory articles" on Egypt in American publications. It was reported in Cairo last night.

The Egyptian Ambassador, Mr. Kamel Abdel-Rahim Bey, told the State Department that the Egyptian Government and people were "prepared to go to extreme limits in this protest."

The Washington report added that the protest is believed to be especially concerned with an article in the current number of the magazine "Life" headed "The Problem King of Egypt."

The article, carried a sub-head reading "Farouk is a bewildered, moody monarch who vacillates between self-indulgence and a sincere desire to help his people. The King is referred to as 'pampered, obstinate and capricious.'—Reuter.

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Anking still in Harbour

The evacuation ship, ss. Anking, was still at anchor in Kowloon Bay last night, waiting for a go-ahead signal from Shanghai officials.

More than 70 passengers are on board the ship; in Shanghai some 1,000 foreign nationals are prepared for the evacuation.

What the reason for the several days' delay is, Butterfield and Swire officials are not saying.

Just as in the case of the American President Lines' ss. General Gordon, the Shanghai officials have agreed to a evacuation "in principle," but have not approved a detailed evacuation plan.

Last evening the British shipping company wired the Anking to "stand by awaiting further orders."

This message was taken to mean that Shanghai has not definitely turned thumbs down on the evacuation, though several days of delay have not raised hopes over the project.

Shuttle ships

When and if the Anking does arrive off the mouth of the Yangtze, it is known that shallow-draft boats will shuttle Shanghai passengers to Shanghai, and then return with the evacuees.

Rumours yesterday were rife that the delay may be caused by numerous reports of an impending invasion of the Nationalist-held section of the Chusan Islands.

One shipping official, not Butterfield and Swire, said yesterday that he thought the principle reason for the General Gordon's cancellation was the Sunghien commando raid.

He pointed out that within 24 hours after the raid was announced, the Gordon's trip was cancelled.

Anking passengers spent their second night on board the ship in Kowloon Bay last night.

Explosion in Un Long theatre

A time bomb planted inside the men's lavatory of the Kwong Wah Theatre, Un Long, New Territories, exploded on Friday evening causing considerable damage to a large crowd of theatre-goers.

The explosion occurred at 9.25 p.m., when the last show had just started. No one was injured though an employee of the theatre was inside the lavatory at the time. The force of the explosion was said to have knocked the employee unconscious.

Aside from the shattered window glass damage was slight.

Following the explosion a detail of police was despatched to the scene from the P'ing Shan Police Station who had the theatre surrounded. One suspect, who was reported to have been taken into custody, immediately. Later another suspect was picked up.

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Miss Averil Tong's dance recital is well received

Ancient Chinese theatrical art of the best period was superbly reproduced before a distinguished audience at the Wah Yan College last week by Miss Averil Tong in her recital "An Evening in Cathay", which concluded last night.

Her performance did full justice to advance publicity and Press notices, and stamped her as an outstanding exponent of an intriguing art which the inroads of modernism and political parody are mediating beyond recognition.



Miss Averil Tong

An extraordinary nimbleness, delicacy-like lace, and a gossamer quality of elation gave distinction to Miss Tong's every movement. Her performance had a magical charm about it—an exquisite perfection which all dancers aspire to achieve.

Miss Tong's approach is based on sheer classicism, and her style combines technical awareness with an apparent individuality of her own. Her strength lies in a remarkable blending of tradition and trepidity. All her dancing points little graphic pictures of the hopeless femininity of Chinese Court beauties of the past—their fluttering shyness, their decays, their sensibility.

Gaudily caparisoned, and helped by agile assistants, she appeared in two sketches, and a solo number—"The Secret Dance" which is a fragmentary detail of a big opera. She made no effort to modernise the arrangements of her dances, and happily avoided the pitfall of fitting large roles into a small programme.

Her repertoire provided a synthesis of the Chinese theatre—its pantomime, comedy, and ballet.

Bare stage

The stage was bare, except for an occasional minor decoration, a lamp, a door, or a thin blade of grass growing on a mound. As in the Greek theatre of the past which Isidore Duncan revived before madness overtook her in Florence, Miss Tong's settings were confined to essentials, the assumption that theatrical spectacle would detract from the realism of an old tradition.

The performance was formal and strictly classical. All the movements were symbolic of a leisureed past. By Western standards, "An Evening in Cathay" would appear to contain many over-lappings, many unnecessary repetitions, at least one painfully slow climax. But Miss Tong asserted her dominance over the intangible by destroying any suggestion of boredom in psychologically injecting two amusing numbers at the precise moment when the audience began to fidget in their seats.

Much of China's theatrical poetry—of which the Russian ballet is said to be a variant—was convincingly portrayed by the artist. The stoop of her shoulders in the sketch from "Lady Pao-chuan" was strikingly like a pose Diaghilev once demanded of Danilova in an interlude from "Giselle", entertainingly retold by Robert Helpmann in his memoirs.

Her effortless declinations and the clever slow gliding across the stage—like a Victorian maiden across the cobbles of London—were a treat for the eye.

Carefully poised

Her fingers—which would have delighted Colonel de Basil—were carefully poised and as delicate as flowers in a Japanese vase, though they were mostly hidden beneath the folds of massive sleeves which she constantly waved about like butterflies caught in the thick of a flame.

Miss Tong's repertoire was just the right thing for an introduction to the Northern Chinese theatre, which remains superior to the Southern because it has remained untarnished.

One fault she should have corrected was the cheap comedy of one of her assistants—the Inn-keeper in the sketch "An Inn at the Crossroads"—who by banal attitudes and unnecessary stupidity nearly reduced high art to the level of burlesque.

Otherwise, "An Evening in Cathay" was an evening of enchanting entertainment, instructive and satisfying.—A.D.C.

CHINESE HELD ON ARMS CHARGE

Two Chinese men alleged to have in their possession firearms were arrested by police yesterday afternoon on the mainland.

One of them was arrested together with three other Chinese men at about 1.30 p.m. at Park Street near Ningpo Street.

The other Chinese was arrested at about 2 p.m. also on Park Street near Saigon Street.

Bail of \$25 put up by Lau Bul, aged 49, was accepted by Mr. Wickham at Kowloon yesterday when defendant charged with possession of a revolver and a pistol was released on bail of \$25 at Jordan Road without permission to leave the island.

Reminders

Today

Ballet "Hansel and Gretel" by Carol Bateman School of Dancing, Tai Ping Theatre, 5.30 p.m.
YWCA talk on Ivory by Mr. G. E. Marden, Duddell St., 3 p.m.
Rubber Trust Ltd., annual general meeting, 601-605 Marina House, 12 noon
British Legion, HK & China branch meeting, Jacobean Room, HK Hotel, 5.30 p.m.
HK Light Orchestra rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral hall, 6.45 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, Whist Drive, 8 p.m.; Billy Tingle's Physical Instructions, 8 p.m.
HK Rotary Club lunch, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Urban Council meeting, GPO Bldg., 4.15 p.m.
European YMCA, Bridge Drive, 8 p.m.
Inter-Services Boxing Championships, preliminary bouts, China Fleet Club, 7 p.m.
Cheero Services Club, Whist Drive, 7.30 p.m.

Coming events

TOMORROW

Inter-Services Boxing Championships, semi-finals & finals, China Fleet Club, 8 p.m.
Toc II meeting, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
Women's Section, European YMCA, Whist Drive, 10 a.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, screening of mystery film "Nevada", 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Inauguration meeting of International Y's Men's Club of HK, Chinese Bankers' Club, 7.30 p.m.
HK International Women's Club, informal dance, 7.30 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, HK Band Call, 8 p.m.
Mahjong class, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Organ Recital, St. John's Cathedral, 1.15 p.m.
St. Stephen's College Old Boys Association, annual dinner-dance, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 8 p.m.
Women's Section European YMCA, Beginner's Dress-making, 10 a.m.

Chinese Communists drifting towards Titoism

The current dispute on the foreign policy issue inside the Chinese Communist Politbureau is generally regarded as an indication that the Chinese Communists are either consciously or unconsciously drifting towards Titoism. It is not as yet Titoism in the sense of a total break with Soviet Russia but it is a tendency for a more neutral and self-determined foreign policy with less subservience to Moscow.

Though representing a significant change in the mentality of the Chinese Communists, it is however not cherished by liberal-minded quarters as the complete answer to China's problems, because even if the Chinese Communists go to the full extent as Tito in Yugoslavia, it would only mean the shaking off of Moscow domination. Internal totalitarianism would remain.

The average Chinese Communist is most likely not thinking in terms of Titoism in his desire for more independence from the Soviet yoke but the indications are that a struggle between patriotism and internationalism exists in his heart.

The question is whether patriotism or internationalism would ultimately win the battle of the heart. In this connection, it is significant to note that the majority of the members of the Chinese Communist Party joined the party primarily because of patriotism and not from a belief in Marxism and Leninism.

The chief issue in the current Politbureau dispute, according to authoritative Chinese sources, hinges on the question whether China should ally with Soviet Russia to the extent of an unconditional commitment to fight on Soviet Russia's side in case of war.

Non-involvement in year

The Titoist Politbureau members, led by the Party elders, Tung Pi-wu, Wu Yuchang, Lin Chih-han and Hsueh Tek-li, are not opposed to peacetime alignment with Soviet Russia, but they are of the opinion that the present difficult situation in China calls for non-involvement in external war and a more self-determined foreign policy, to permit a smooth reconstruction of their war-wrecked country.

The National Communists are not expected to be able to assert themselves effectively during the next few years and the indisputable prestige and leadership of Mao Tse-tung, who is acting as arbiter between the two opposing forces, is believed to be a good check against any emotional outbreak for an open split.

But the expected aggravation of internal problems during the next few years would be likely to strengthen the hands of the National Communists.

The Army, it is believed, would exercise a great influence on the ultimate outcome of the struggle between patriotism and internationalism. The international-minded Communists, headed by Liu Chao-chi, Vice-chairman of the Peking Government, and Li Li-san, Vice-Chairman of the National Labour Union, are now holding a firm grip on the Army through their political commissars.

But reliable reports said that nationalism nevertheless is very strong in the Army. General Chieh Yi, the Mayor of Shanghai, is generally regarded as one of the chief nationalist-minded military commanders. He once told friends "We must not allow ourselves to be made the cannon fodder for other nations" in reference to the question of Chinese alliance with Soviet Russia.

His "wavering thoughts" are said to be the chief reason for his demand for the post of Commander-in-Chief of the East China Army to his present position as Mayor of Shanghai. — United Press.

Military conference in Tokyo

Tokyo, April 10.

A joint Army, Navy and Air Force mission headed by Major General Richard C. Lindsay today discussed American strategic plans in the Far East with General MacArthur and his top Army, Navy and Air Force commanders and their staffs.

The seven-officer mission from the Defence Department's Joint Strategic Plans Group arrived on Sunday on a two-week tour of United States Pacific and Far East bases which has already taken them to Hawaii, Kowloon and Guam.

They will hold conferences in Tokyo for two days and then fly to Okinawa and the Philippines and back to the United States.

Some 20 ships of Britain's Far East Fleet will visit Japan during the next five months, the United States Navy announced today.

The first ships to arrive at Kure on April 15 will be the carrier HMS Triumph accompanied by the destroyer HMS Comus. The carrier HMS Unicorn will arrive at Yokosuka the following day, April 16.

The announcement by Vice Admiral Charles T. Joy said that on arrival the ships would report to the Commander of the United States Navy in the Far East for operational control.—United Press.

SURE CURE

Here is a sure way to "cure" a Communist. Just send him to live and work in Soviet Russia for a while, writes David Lee, from Trieste.

Forty-eight Italian prisoners of war were recently repatriated to Italy after five years of being in Soviet hands. When our correspondent asked them if they were Communists, the Italians roared with laughter. They showed their shabby clothes, including the canvas shoes which they had to wear in the middle of a Russian winter. They produced the Soviet cigarettes which no "Western" tobaccoist would be able to give away even in the worst cigarette famine.

Captured in 1945 while with the German army, the Italians said that two-thirds of their fellow-prisoners died in camps of starvation or disease. And that was on pay, rations and living conditions similar to those of the average Russian worker. "A pair of shoes cost a whole month's pay. Diet was a never-ending bowl of soup and chunks of black bread."

Court Brevities

A remand of three days was granted in the case of Poon Yiu by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

Giving his age as 75, Poon was charged with larceny of \$200 from Fong Hong-sang at the Hong Kong Jockey Club at Happy Valley on Saturday.

Defendant pleaded not guilty and the magistrate fixed bail at \$750.

A remand of three days was granted by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday in the case of Yeung Tak-ming, aged 34, who was charged with embezzlement of \$3,216.00.

Described as an accountant and a cashier, defendant was alleged to have embezzled the money on October 14, 1949 at 33 Des Voeux Road West, ground floor.

Cyril Thomas Eager, aged 50, was remanded for 48 hours by Mr. Hin-shing Lo yesterday, when he pleaded not guilty to a charge of being drunk and incapable.

Defendant was charged with being drunk and incapable on April 9 in Connaught Road Central near the Star Ferry.

Bail of \$50 was fixed by the magistrate.

For stealing a pen valued at \$50 on April 9, in Queen's Road Central near the Queen's Theatre from an unknown European, Kong Ping, aged 17, was sentenced to 12 months hard labour by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

On April 9, a European approached a constable and told him that he had lost his pen. The constable arrested defendant with the pen. He showed the pen to the European who took it and walked away.

A fine of \$275 was imposed on Cheung Wah, master of the motor junk "Tai Nin", by Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday on two charges of carrying passengers without a licence and of making a false declaration.

The junk, boarded by Water Police on Saturday off Lamma Island, was found to have 43 adults and six children passengers aboard whose voyage to Kowloon was delayed due to bad weather. Defendant explained that the excess persons aboard were old crew members, who wished to return to Hainan Island.

Pleading guilty to a charge of negligently discharging his firearms to the danger of the public, Leung Hei-ki, aged 55, watchman of the Kut Cheong Goldsmith Shop, 637—Shanghai Street, was fined \$25 by Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

Inspector J. Orem stated that on Sunday morning defendant, after cleaning his shotgun in front of the store, carelessly discharged a cartridge which hit the ceiling of the verandah.

For keeping a brothel on the second floor of 618 Shanghai Street, Leung Tai, 30-year-old widow, was fined \$300 or three months' imprisonment by Mr. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday. Detective Sub-Inspector G. Davitt raided the premises on Sunday evening.

Long Trail

Evidence that international drug rings are as active and elaborate as ever comes from Victor Sankey in Geneva.

He reports that Swiss and French police were recently put on the track of an international drug ring reaching from Germany to Monte Carlo, by nothing more dramatic than a porter's theft of 15,000 francs from a hotel safe.

Investigating the theft, the police discovered that a small package had also been left in the safe—and that the package contained a pound of morphine.

By tracing the owners, it was proved that the morphine had been bought from a chemist's shop in Lausanne for 135,000 francs, or £10,875, compared with the official price of only 7,000 francs or £575.

From Lausanne the police followed the drug trail as far as Basel, only to discover that the drug had originally been smuggled in from Germany.

Now the German police are investigating and there are signs that they have stumbled on a vast chain of drug "centres" stretching with various links from Germany, through Switzerland, to Monte Carlo.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS
AND
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30th SEPTEMBER, 1949.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Fourteenth Ordinary
General Meeting of Share-
holders in the above-named
Company will be held at 601/
606 Marina House, Hongkong,
on Tuesday, the 11th April,
1950 at 12 noon, for the follow-
ing purposes:

1. To receive and consider the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th September, 1949.
2. To elect a Director.
3. To elect Auditors.
4. To transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 1st April to the 11th April, 1950 both days inclusive.

By Order of the
Board of Directors,

J.A. WATTIE
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Secretaries.

Hong Kong, March 22, 1950.

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SALE OF CROWN LAND

An auction sale of Crown
Land will be held at P.W.D.
Headquarters on Monday, the
17th day of April, 1950 at 3
p.m.

The area which comprises
344,300 square feet is situated
adjoining Tsun Wan Marine
Lot No. 1 and is suitable for
industrial purposes.

Further particulars are
available from the Government
Gazette of 6. 4. 1950 or from
the Crown Lands & Survey
Office.

E.A. BOYCE,
Director of
Public Works.

Hong Kong, March 28, 1950.

BRITISH LEGION

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ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING

The Annual General Meeting
of the British Legion, Hong-
kong & China Branch, will be
held in the Jacobean Room,
Hongkong at 5.30 p.m. on
Tuesday, 11th April, 1950, by
kind permission of the Hong-
kong Hotel.

The Committee trust as a
Member of the British Legion
you will support them on this
occasion.

AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes of last annual meeting.
2. Adoption of Accounts.
3. Election of President & Committee.
4. Any other business.

If you have any ex-service
friends who might be interest-
ed in the British Legion, would
you please bring them along
to the Meeting.

J. D. CLAGUE,
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"Guineas" should be
an open affair

London, April 9.

In less than three weeks the Two Thousand
Guineas, the first of the five English Classics,
will be run over the Rowley Mile at New-
market.

Wagering on this race has
been unusually light, not only
perhaps because of shortage of
money (though judging by the
bookmakers' laments over the
results of the Lincolnshire
Handicap and Grand National,
backers should be particularly
"flush") but because of the
open nature of the race.

While it is true that there are
two clearly defined first and
second favourites in Masked
Light and Palestino and an ob-
vious third choice in The Golden
Road, there are so many "dark
horses," especially with French
plans not yet concrete, that
backers are holding their hands
until nearer the day of the race.
After they may know a
little more about some of the
candidates.

On the other hand, successes
of Guineas outsiders may only
make the position more confusing.
While there are glowing re-
ports as to the progress made by
the Aga Khan's grey Palestino

(by Fair Trial out of Una) and
Gordon Richards' mount, The
Golden Road (by Walling Street
out of Yanna), backers want to
see for themselves what these
colts do this season in public be-
fore they entrust them with their
money.

Both are expected to run be-
fore the Guineas on April 26, but
plans are indefinite.
The Golden Road had a slight
attack of fever last month but is
stated to be back at his best and
impressing the "touts" watching
him at work.

Similarly Palestino has been
pleasing his watchers. Indeed,
there are those who say that
nothing can prevent the grey
from finishing in the first
three.

Palestino is now trained by
Marcus Marsh, who took over
the Aga Khan's horses from
Frank Butters at the end of last
season. Marsh also has the
"dark" Blue Book in his stable
to mention Rainfall and
Khorassan. Blue Book, by Court
Marshall out of Blue Star, the
winner of his only race last year,
is expected to be seen this week-
end, when some idea of his
merits may be gained more like-
ly to be Derby rather than
Guineas fancies. Those who criti-
cised the performance of the
winner favourite for the
Guineas, Masked Light, when

FAMECHON WINS
IN BALTIMORE

Waterbury, Connecticut.

Ray Famechon (130), Euro-
pean Featherweight champion,
was too strong for Tony Longo
(123), Baltimore, yesterday,
and the Frenchman won an
eight-round decision before
1,600 spectators.

The referee gave Famechon
every round, awarding the
Frenchman the bout with 27 to
10 points.

Although the referee warned
Famechon three times against
fighting after the bell went, he
did not realise him.

Strong on infighting, Fame-
chon roughed up his smaller op-
ponent on occasions.

However, the Frenchman did
not manage to slow up Tony
although he cut Longo over the
right eye in the third and be-
neath the left in the fifth.

Longo showed a willingness to
trade punches with Famechon,
but he was handicapped in meet-
ing his taller opponent.

Famechon, who lost to Willie
Pep on March 17 in a bid for the
world title, did not impress by
the fight with Longo as a chal-
lenger demanding a second bout
with Pep.

Longo, lacking the speed and
agility of Pep, did surprisingly
well against the Frenchman, who
was a 5-12 favourite.—Associa-
ted Press.

LINE-UPS FOR
KOREAN MATCHES

The following have been
selected to represent Hong
Kong XI and Combined Chi-
nese XI in their forthcoming
matches against the Korean
Football team.

Hong Kong XI vs Koreans on
Saturday: Yu Yiu-tak (Kit Chee),
Hau Yung-sang (Kit Chee) and
S. C. Keung (St. Joseph's);
Tang Sum (KMB), Hayes (Com-
mandos) and Santos (St.
Joseph's); Ho Ying-fan (Kit
Chee), Yu Cheuk-yin (Kit Chee),
Brown (Army), Galvin (Navy)
and Lee Tai-fai (KMB).

Reserves: Lai Wai
Mullen (Club), Chow Man-chi
(KMB), Woo Kee-cheung (Kit
Chee) and Marsden (Army).

Combined Chinese XI vs
Koreans on Sunday: Yu Yiu-tak
(Kit Chee), Hau Yung-sang (Kit
Chee) and Lai Wai (Police);
Tang Sum (KMB), Woo Kee-
cheung (Kit Chee) and Fung
Kwan-sing (KMB); Ho Ying-fan
(Kit Chee), Yu Cheuk-yin (Kit
Chee), Tang Yu-ki (KMB), Chu
Wing-keung (Kit Chee) and Lee
Tai-fai (KMB).

Reserves: Kwok Ying-kee (Kit
Chee), Chow Man-chi (KMB),
Hsu King-sing (St. Joseph's) and
Keung (St. Joseph's).

Team Manager for the Hong
Kong XI, Captain Chinnali,
Trainer and assistant, Fung King-
cheung.

Team Manager for the Com-
bined Chinese XI, Mr. L. P.
Kwok, Assistant, and trainer,
Fung King-cheung.

INTER-SERVICES
BOXING

The Inter-Services Boxing
Championships will be held this
week at the China Fleet Club.

The preliminary bouts will be
fought out today beginning at
7 p.m. and the semi-finals and
finals will be decided tomorrow
beginning at 8 p.m.

Rear-Admiral W. G. Andrews,
Flag Officer Second in Command,
Far East Station, will present
the trophies.

The semi-final for tonight will
be HK\$1.50 and the final for to-
morrow night will be HK\$1.20
HK\$2.40 and HK\$3.50.

DEMARET WINS

Augusta, Georgia, April 9.
Jimmy Demarets, a gold
medalist today by winning the
Marshall Tournament, for the
third time with a 4-0 score when
he defeated the best of the
rest with the 4-0 score in the
final.—United Press.

Cricket
"Scorpions"
beat
"The Rest"

Entertaining "The Rest of
the League" in an all-day
friendly cricket match at
Chater Road yesterday, HKCC
"Scorpions" beat their guests
by 36 runs.

Taking first lease of the wicket
the "Scorpions" knocked up a
total of 101 runs, Kerr contribut-
ing 30, Stokes 25, Pearce 22,
Weller 21 and Owen Hughes 19.

The most successful "Rest"
bowler was Corfield who dis-
missed four "Scorpions" batsmen
for 40 runs, while Cullen took
five wickets for 32 runs.

In reply to this total, "The
Rest" scored a total of 125 runs,
only three of their batsmen
reaching the double figures, Wil-
son (23), Pantton (23) and
Kerr (20). Mr. Extras con-
tributed a valuable 29.

The best bowler for the "Scor-
pions" was Howarth who took
five wickets for 39 runs.

BOWLING ANALYSIS				
	O	M	R	W
Corfield	12	1	40	4
Cullen	27	11	42	5
White	10	5	20	1
Lean	4	2	13	0

BOWLING ANALYSIS				
	O	M	R	W
D.A. Oakley	2	0	0	0
K.M.S. Wilson	2	0	0	0
E.C. Dunn	2	0	0	0
G.H. Cunningham	2	0	0	0
G. South	2	0	0	0
F.R. Kerr	2	0	0	0
A.D. Pantton	2	0	0	0
T.H. Lean	2	0	0	0
L. White	2	0	0	0
R.C. Corfield	2	0	0	0
J. Cullen	2	0	0	0
Extras	2	0	0	0
Total	125			

BOWLING ANALYSIS				
	O	M	R	W
Cullen	12	5	28	2
Howarth	23	5	17	2
Weller	2	0	0	0
Kerr	2	0	0	0

BOWLING ANALYSIS				
	O	M	R	W
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Howarth	23	5	17	2
Weller	2	0	0	0
Kerr	2	0	0	0

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Disjointed chickens are sold at \$10.50 per tin.

Also on sale at the Colony's famous provision store are Australian pears which have just been unloaded from vessels arriving recently.

Packed in tins, the pears are sold at \$1.50 per 30-ounce tin. Mandarin oranges are sold at \$1.00 per 11-ounce tin.

Aside from the tinned chickens and fruits, the Dairy Farm Kowloon branch has recently unpacked a large selection of dried fruits including raisins, prunes, currants, apricots, mixed fruit and mixed fruit for cakes.

Lane, Crawford Limited, is another well known food dealer in the Colony. Long famous for their excellent breads, Lane, Crawford which is also on Nathan Road, is one of the few places in the Colony where excellent foods are sold.

When marketing for your family be sure to drop in at the Lane, Crawford Limited, Kowloon branch, the company that has been supplying food to many of the Colony's homes for more than 100 years.

Here are some other food tips.

Excellent food

The dining rooms of the Grand Hotel have long been famous for their excellent European and Chinese cooking.

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Another famous hotel on the mainland is Rodo House which is located in a not very busy district but is within easy reach of the mainland's business and shopping centres.

Children will be fascinated when they see the display at the National Toy Company. Located on Nathan Road near Jordan Road, the National Toy Company is one of the toy "strongholds" in Kowloon.

Toys of all kinds for all ages are sold there. Educational toys such as miniature mechanical sets, jig-saw puzzles—are to be found at the National Toy Company.

Dolls are another attraction at the mainland's toy shop.

Another famous mainland toy wonderland is the Sunny Company. Also located on Nathan Road near Grandville Road, the Sunny Company not only is famous for its toys but also for the stationary and magazines for all ages.

Baby prams, tricycles for children and other woodworks for children's use are among the large stock of goods sold there.

Sports equipment

E. C. Fincher, opposite the Star Ferry Kowloon pier, is the ideal place to get your sports equipment.

Noted for the imported goods sold there, E. C. Fincher also sells ladies' and men's apparel at moderate prices.

One of the mainland's well known importers and exporters of Chinese silks, brocades and other novelties is the Swallow Wen Lee Company.

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There is a noted gift shop on Nathan Road opposite the entrance to Peking Road on the mainland. The name is G. M. Arthur—a name that stands for quality in gifts.

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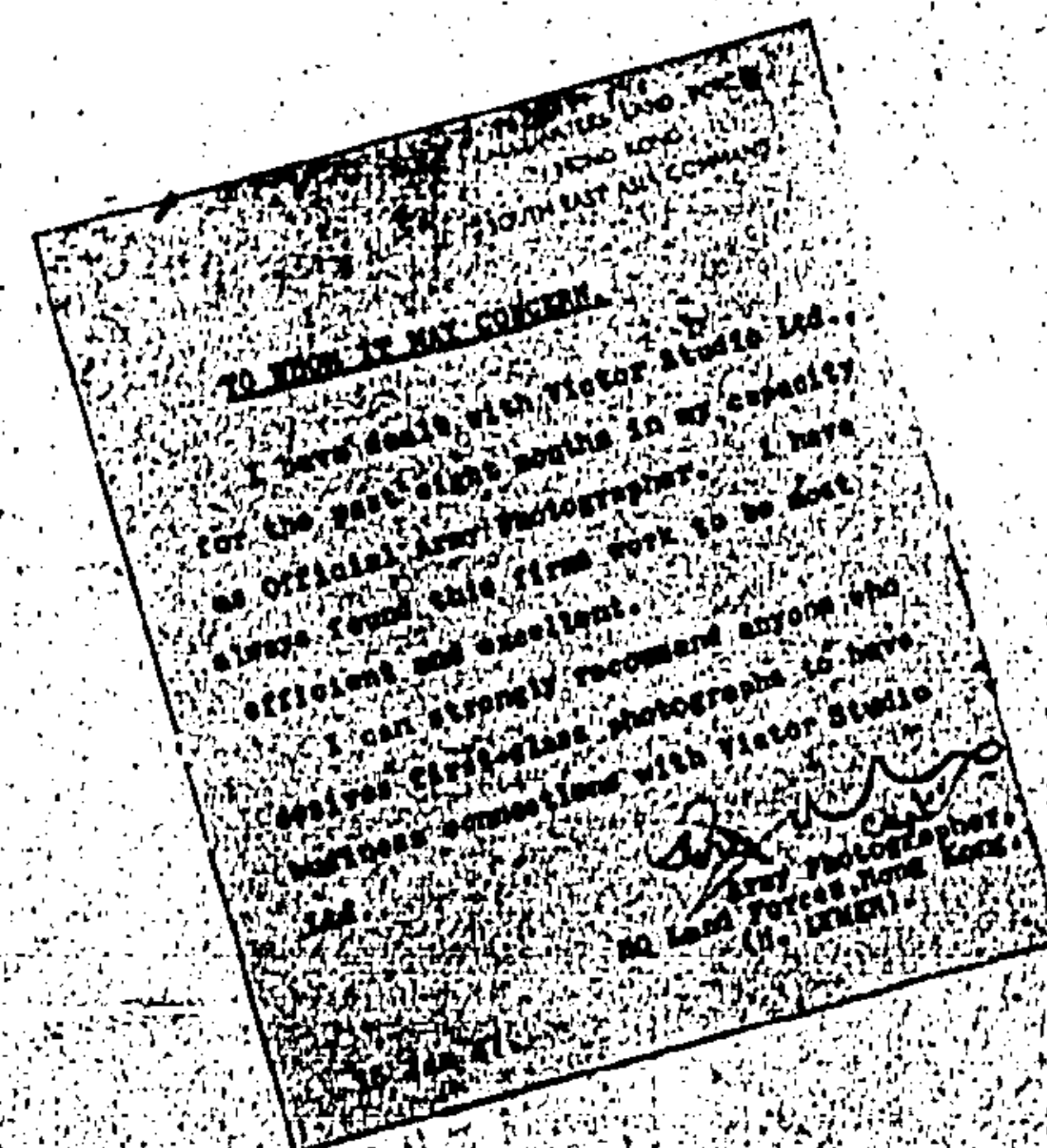
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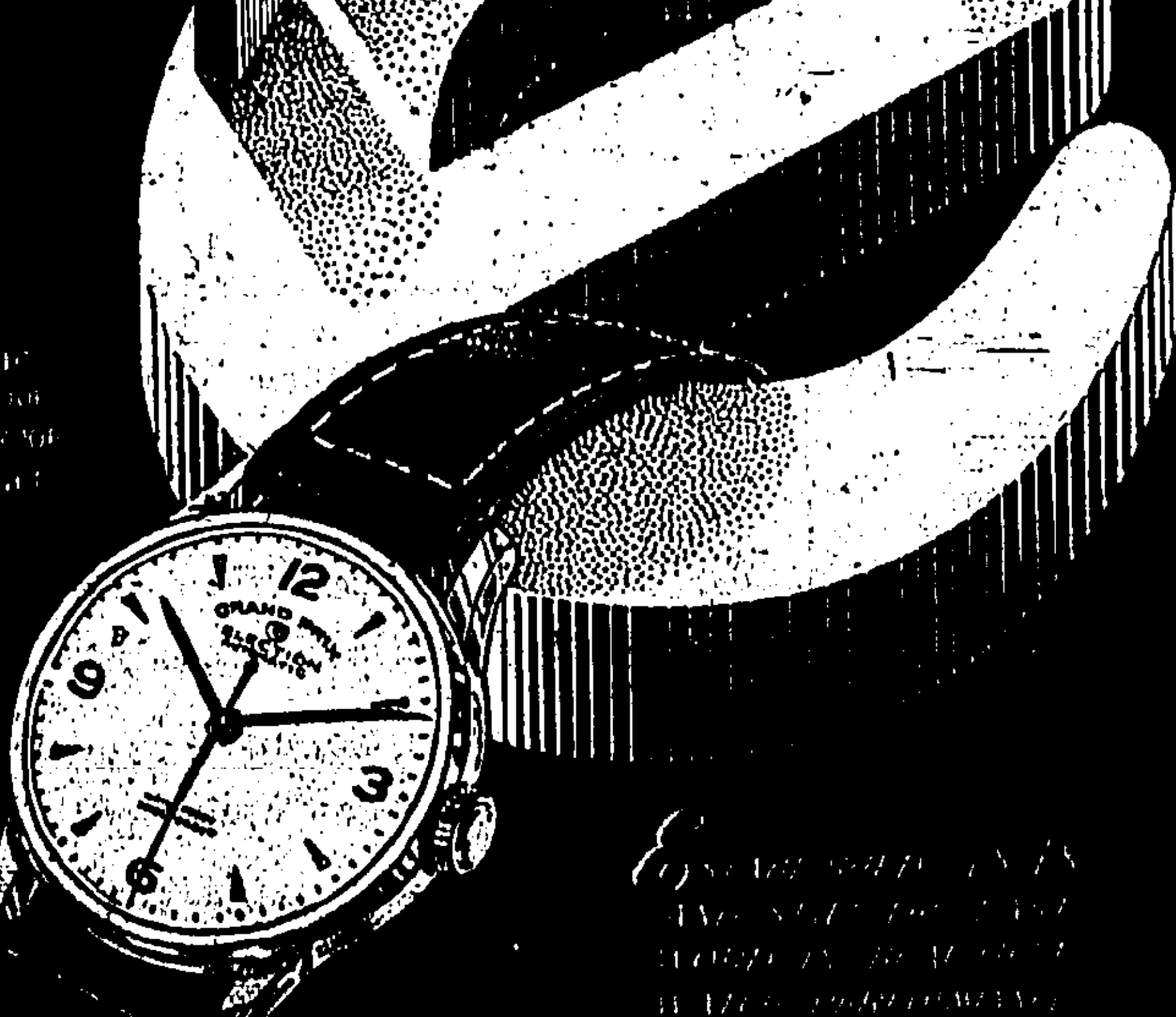


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GALES, RAIN, SNOW SPOIL THE EASTER PERIOD IN EUROPE

London, April 9.

Gales and heavy rain showers marred the Easter holiday in much of Western Europe today. In the Eastern United States, snow laid a white blanket over many towns. Britain was particularly affected by gales which swept ports and inland towns alike but failed to drive holiday-makers away.

OUTRAGE IN NOTRE DAME

Paris, April 9.

Priests and members of the 10,000 congregation today pursued Notre Dame a false Dominican friar who mounted into the pulpit and denounced the Catholic Church during the Easter Sunday Pontifical High Mass.

As he ran, the false friar, 22-year-old Michael Mourre, tried to take off his white homespun Dominican frock which was tripping him, while the organist played the organ with all hose stops open to drown the shouting.

Caught by the police in the square in front of the Cathedral, Mourre was taken to the local police station, and charged, on the complaint of the Archbishop of Paris, Monsignor Feltin, with illegally wearing ecclesiastical costume and disturbance of religious exercises.

Wearing a Dominican robe he had hired from a fancy dress shop for three days, Mourre stood at the foot of the pulpit until the moment when the Archbishop had finished chanting the Creed. In the silence that followed, the apparent Dominican mounted the steps into the pulpit and declaimed loudly: "I accuse the Catholic Church of turpitude, our thought towards an empty sky. The Church is the causer of the West."

The rest of his speech was drowned by the organ, which swelled into a blast of music. The organ of Notre Dame is famous for the power of its brass music, which is capable of making the Cathedral vibrate—Reuter.

ENGLISH DEFEAT IN BADMINTON

Copenhagen, April 9.

The British girls, Miss Q. M. Allen and Miss I. E. O'Brien, were beaten in the women's doubles final of the Danish International Badminton Championships here today.

They lost to the Danish pair, Frau Tonny Ahm, and Kirsten Thorndahl, who won the All-England doubles title last month by 15-2, 15-8.—Reuter.

Southend, at the mouth of the Thames, had a short snow shower in the afternoon but the sun came out afterwards. Paris, with many thousands of foreign visitors, also had showers and a cold snap in the morning. In Rome, the sun shone brightly as 500,000 people knelt to receive the Pope's Easter blessing. Reuter reports described Easter Sunday celebrations in many places as follows:

London:—In the Tower of London, the British Broadcasting Corporation, for the first time, televised a church service with sermon from the historic Chapel of St. Peter Ad Vincula.

The Easter parade of the Yeoman Warders in their picturesque Tudor uniforms before the service was also televised.

A spokesman of the televising station said later that the innovation had been well received.

Treasure hunt

Weather disappointed many people who had gone to the Isle of Mull, off the Scottish West coast, to get a glimpse of Britain's biggest treasure hunt for many a day.

The gales had stopped Navy divers continuing their attempt to salvage what is believed to be the Spanish Armada galleon, the Duque de Florencia, sunk in Tormore Bay and reputed to have carried treasure worth millions.

Paris: In Paris a much colder morning and rain showers broke up the city's two-day heat wave. Some 250,000 foreigners, mostly Britons, Czechoslovakians, Belgians, Dutch and Swiss, packed the city's hotels. There was scarcely a vacant hotel room within 90 miles of Paris.

Meanwhile, officials estimated that 500,000 Parisians had left for the sea and country, while a further 300,000 had gone by road.

Russian Easter

Moscow: A Soviet news agency despatch received in London said that a vast congregation of worshippers packed Moscow's Yelokhovskiy Cathedral last night for a midnight Easter mass at which the Patriarch of Moscow and all Russia, Alexei, officiated.

Easter services were held at all Russian Orthodox Churches throughout the country. This year the Russian Orthodox Church Easter coincides with Easter celebrations of other denominations.

Owing to the fact that the Russian Orthodox Church uses the old style calendar, it usually celebrates Christmas and Easter some 12 days later.

Roman Catholics behind the Iron Curtain had the opportunity of hearing the Mass from St. Peter's, Reuter's monitoring station reported.

A running commentary on the celebration was given in Polish, Czech, Hungarian and Serbo-Croat. But there was no commentary in Russian.

White Easter

New York: For most of the New York area it was a white Easter today.

Snow showers began falling just after midnight and Church-goers awakened to find suburban areas under a thin blanket.

Parts of Long Island reported eight-centimetre drifts. The snowfall extended from Connecticut to New Jersey.

The lowest temperature last night was three degrees of frost. Tokyo: In Tokyo 3,000,000 Tokyo people went to city parks or the neighbouring countryside today to picnic under the pink

EXPERT FORGER SENTENCED

Chicago, April 9. A counterfeit expert who eluded capture for 12 years was sentenced to prison here for 15 years. He is Hugo Hedlin, aged 57, a Swedish immigrant whose home-made copies of paper money were described by Secret Service agents as some of the best ever turned out.

Prosecutor Daniel Ward, told the court that although Hedlin admitted making only US\$13,500 worth of fake money in the last 12 years, US\$7,500 worth had been recovered in the Chicago area alone.—Associated Press.

Twin brothers suicide

Paris, April 9.

Forty-one-year-old twin brothers, Paul and Louis Leclerc, committed suicide together by gassing themselves in their room in the Rue Jean-Molton, Paris East End.

The police today had difficulty in determining which was which, and could not establish which of them turned on the gas. The brothers, both building labourers, had been for long out of work.

Neighbours said that the twins killed themselves because Paul's 12-year-old daughter, Jeannette, who lived in a convent school, had told them that she did not want to return to them.—Reuter.

and white cherry blossoms, now in full bloom.

Jerusalem: Both Western and Eastern Christians celebrated Easter here today, the dates of the holiday in the two calendars coinciding for the first time for many years.

Members of the Consular Corps passed through the Jaffa Gate, following tradition, to hear Easter Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

Services were held in Protestant, Catholic and Russian churches.

Nazareth: Arabs wore no hammer and sickle badges during Easter celebrations in Nazareth today.

Last year some wore them in church, as well as in the streets.

Since then an improvement in employment conditions has appeared to diminish the initial Communist success among the Arab population.

Nazareth was packed with pilgrims for the celebration. All churches, both Eastern and Western, celebrating Easter together, were packed.—Reuter.

ZEELAND TO SEE LEOPOLD

Geneva, April 9.

M. Paul Van Zeeland is expected in Geneva shortly to confer with King Leopold on the question of his return to the Belgian Throne.

Professor Jacques Pirenne, the principal private secretary to King Leopold, who returned to Leopold's villa here last night from a visit to Brussels, today conferred with the King on his conversations with M. Van Zeeland, who has been charged with the task of forming a new Belgian Government.

Professor Pirenne, who left Geneva on Thursday by air for the Belgian capital, carried with him messages from King Leopold to the Belgian Premier-designate. On his return he brought reports from M. Van Zeeland.

At Leopold's villa today, a member of the King's entourage refused to divulge the contents of the messages exchanged between the King and M. Van Zeeland, but it is understood that Leopold asked M. Van Zeeland to come to Geneva to confer on the situation.—Reuter.

MAX REIMANN'S FORECAST

Hann, April 9.

The West German Communist Party chief, Max Reimann, said today that the day is not far off when the East German Democratic Republic will extend its political, economic and social authority over all Germany. Herr Reimann was speaking at a graveside anniversary meeting near here to commemorate a group of local Communists shot by the German forces 30 years ago, the West German news agency DPA, said.

He said that the workers of the Ruhr already regarded the East Zone President, Dr. Pieck, as "the President of all of us." Herr Reimann attacked the East German political parties for wanting Germany's division.—Reuter.

Bevin travels with Doctor



The Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, signs last-minute documents in the train before he left for the Strasbourg Conference from London's Victoria Station. In the background is the Foreign Secretary's doctor, Sir Alexander MacColl, who accompanied him to the conference.—(Associated Press Photo).

INTERNATIONAL RINGS SMUGGLING ARMS INTO FRENCH INDO-CHINA

Saigon, April 9.

International rings are reported to be smuggling about US\$500,000 worth of small arms a month from Thailand into Indo-China to supply both the Communist-led forces of Ho Chi-minh and various dissident guerrilla groups.

Well-informed quarters which make this estimate say it is a conservative one. It covers only activities of known smuggling gangs, with no allowance for others that may have kept their operations completely dark.

These sources say the traffic includes automatic weapons, rifles pistols and grenades.

Payment for the bulk of it is made in Indo Chinese piastres at the rate of 15,000,000 to 25,000,000 a month. The piastre is officially worth five U.S. cents but sells on the open market in Hong Kong for two cents.

Bangkok is described as the co-ordination centre for the arms traffic, but Manila is said to be the central supply point, not only for Indo-China but for the other disturbed areas of South East Asia.

Seaplanes and fast motorboats can easily land their cargoes on sections of Thailand coast that are either unguarded or not controlled by the Bangkok Government.

From there the arms move into the Indo-China Kingdoms of Cambodia and Laos. Some are absorbed there by dissidents who range all the way from simple bandits to elements of varying political affiliations.

Chronic problem

Most shipments, however, are destined for the Communist-led forces of Ho Chi-minh's so-called

SECRET TALKS ON H-BOMB

Washington, April 9.

The impact of the Hydrogen-bomb on the United States plan for international atomic control is to be discussed behind closed doors by a Congressional Committee probably next week.

Senator Brian McMahon (Democrat, Connecticut), Chairman of the Senate House Atomic Committee, said today that Mr. Dean Acheson, Secretary of State, and General Omar Bradley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will be among those asked to meet the Committee.

Senator McMahon gained wide attention recently when he proposed that the United States should start talks with its North Atlantic Pact partners for the purpose of jointly agreeing upon a new approach to atomic peace.—Reuter.



"Republic of Vietnam", who are opposing the French-supported regime of the Emperor Bao Dai, which is also called Vietnam.

The French police have been unable to halt the smuggling, which has been a chronic problem for years. They have failed to smash one widely known international ring which has European connections. Its agents have been operating in Saigon itself for more than a year.

French officials are trying to focus world attention on the arms traffic, from Communist China into Northern Indo-China.

They have not yet, however, produced convincing evidence to substantiate their contention that the Chinese Reds are supplying Ho's forces with weapons on a large scale.

Road-building

French officers admitted to this correspondent during a recent tour of points along the Chinese border that most of the arms trade there was commercial—rather than political—and existed even before the Chinese Communists arrived.

These officers were of the opinion that the Chinese Reds had not yet had time to organise any big scale programme of aid for Ho's Reds.

Reliable Indo-Chinese sources, however, say that Ho's men are

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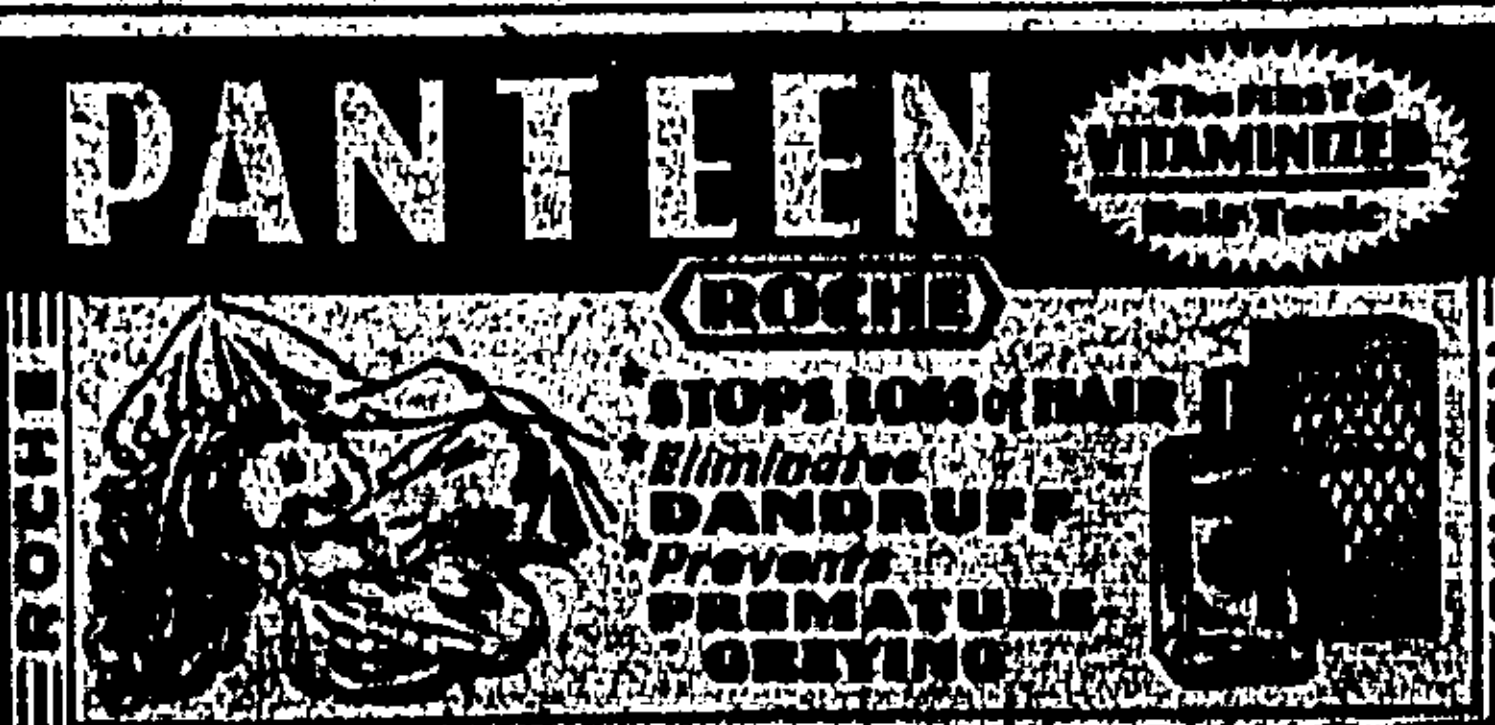
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The Russian Navy:

POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF SEPARATE MINISTRY

New York, April 10.
The recent establishment of a separate Ministry of the Navy by the Soviet Union is—potentially, at least—one of the most significant military developments of the year.
It would seem to mark a definitive step in what Admiral Forrest P. Sherman, Chief of Naval Operations, has described as a reawakening of maritime ambition in Russia.

FIGHTING FAMINE IN CHINA

London, April 9.
Grain is being rushed to the famine areas South of the Great Wall from Manchuria and other parts of China, the Communist New China news agency said today.

In a Peking despatch monitored here, the agency said the Communist Government is organizing widespread production schemes to increase grain production and minimize flood damage in grain-producing areas.

It said that during the past three months, the Central People's Government allocated 500,000 tons of grain to pay peasants taking part in water conservation work and other occupations in North and East China.

The agency said, "Gigantic water conservation projects are now being carried out along all major rivers of China aimed not only at food and employment for the people but also future elimination of floods which for centuries ruined millions of every generation of China's people." It said that 600,000 tons of grain were shipped South from Manchuria since January to ease the food situation in deficient areas of China.—United Press.

CHRISTIANITY ANSWER TO COMMUNISM

Frankfurt, April 9.
Dr. Toyokiko Kagawa, Japanese Evangelist and sociologist who is now touring West Germany, said here today that the only effective means to meet the menace of Communism is to spread Christianity among the East Asian peoples.

Every possible aid should be given to lead the peoples of the Far East to the ideology of love and co-operation, he said in an interview.

Later today the bespectacled, 62-year-old Evangelist, believed to be the first Japanese clergyman to visit West Germany since the war, told a large Easter congregation in Frankfurt that Germany and Japan should fight for a militant peace, to be won not by the sword but by spiritual upheaval.

Dr. Kagawa told Reuters that during the next three years he would distribute more than 10,000,000 Bibles among the Japanese. He urged that more European and American missionaries should go to Japan, especially to the rural areas and fishing villages.

In June he will fly to the United States on the invitation of the Council of Churches of Christ.—Reuters.

MARSHAL CHAKMAK GRAVELLY ILL

Istanbul, April 9.
Marshal Fevzi Chakmak, for 20 years Chief of the Turkish General Staff, is seriously ill with pneumonia after a recent second prostate operation, his doctors stated today.

Described as the world's senior Marshal, he was promoted to that rank in 1924. Marshal Chakmak went with President Inonu to the wartime meetings with President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill.

His name was given to the defence line across Thrace from the Aegean to the Black Sea. With Mustafa Kemal (later Kemal Ataturk) and Ismet Inonu (now President), Marshal Chakmak was the third member of the triumvirate, which ruled Turkey in the first years of the Republic.—Reuters.

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If this organisational change does mean what it implies—greater autonomy for the development of Soviet sea power and a strengthening of the Russian fleet—the eventual impact upon the history of our times is bound to be profound.

The emergence of Russia as a naval power would increase the momentum of the arms race, already joined, and might reduce seriously the greatest military advantage the U.S. now possesses, vis-a-vis Russia has overwhelming naval superiority.

More important would be the long-range political effects of any Russian attempt to become a great maritime power. The political and economic pressures generated by such an attempt might, over a period of decades, be an added cause for conflict.

The traditional Russian drive for warm-water ports and outlets to the high seas would certainly be strengthened by the emergence of Russia as a great sea power; in fact, it would be virtually impossible for the Soviet State to become a great sea power without such ports.

Friction with other nations

The construction of a great merchant fleet—the Russian merchant shipping tonnage already totals 2,118,000 gross tons, the world's eighth largest—would create frictions with other maritime nations and the economic competition engendered might add fuel to the fire of controversy.

On the brighter side of the ledger, however, would be the long-term beneficial influence that the emergence of Russia from landlocked isolationism might have upon the world's political picture. Great maritime powers usually, though not invariably, have had a broader and more temperate political philosophy than land-locked and isolated nations. Maritime trading means getting on with one's neighbours.

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But such long-term possibilities, of course, defy prediction. The most immediate and important result of the Russian announced shift in Russian military organization will probably be the strengthening of the Soviet Navy.

Under the rather peculiar post-war organisational framework that existed in Moscow until the establishment of a separate and independent Ministry of the Navy was announced, a Ministry of the Armed Forces governed the destinies of all Soviet armed forces. The Ministry of Armed Forces was established, interestingly enough, just four years to the day before it was dissolved in favour of a return to a two-department, or two-ministry, system.

Return to old system

Prior to 1935 the Russian armed forces had been governed by the Commissariat of Defence and Navy. The recent change means a return to the old system under different names. The Ministry of the Armed Forces has been renamed the Ministry of the Army and the new Ministry of the Navy is divorced from control of the former body.

During the last four years the Soviet Navy had been one of a number of subordinate services, all under the Ministry of the Armed Forces. These apparently co-equal but subordinate services included the ground, the naval forces, the air forces, the "rear establishments" (of supply, etc.) and the anti-aircraft defence forces. A sixth force, a long-range air force, had been established, relatively recently, apparently independent of the rest of the Soviet Air Force.

This establishment, after a four-year trial, has now been discarded, and the Ministry of the Navy is now independent of and co-equal to the Ministry of the Army. Where the Soviet air forces fit into this new picture is not clear, but the re-naming of the Ministry of the Armed Forces as the Ministry of the Army would seem to indicate that Russia's traditional reliance and emphasis upon land power was continuing, and that air power in the Russian view remains auxiliary to surface forces.

But several major questions in the new Soviet organisation remain unanswered. What happens, organisationally, to the recently created "Long Range Air Force," headed by Marshal A. E. Golovanov and composed of three "air armies" of about 1,000 to 2,000 planes, of which only 200 or so are really long-range aircraft roughly comparable to our B-29 type? Who controls Russian naval aviation? Will the Soviet Air Forces continue to design, supply, man and operate the Russian naval planes under the operational control of the Ministry of the Navy, or will the Ministry of the Navy go on complete control of its own air arm?

—Hanson Baldwin, in the "New York Times."

Sing a song of friendship

Moscow, April 10.
A song of Soviet-Chinese friendship has been composed here. It runs:

"Russians and Chinese—
Brothers forever!
The unity of the peoples and the races is growing.
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Stalin and Mao hear us,
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hear us."

Chorus: "Moscow-Peking Moscow-Peking.
The people are marching, marching forward,
For luminous labour, For lasting peace,
Under the banner of freedom."

2. "The voice of the Yangtze is heard on the Volga; The Chinese see the glow of the Kremlin. We are not afraid of war storms. The will of the people is stronger than a storm. The earth glorifies our victory."

The earth glorifies.
The earth glorifies.
Chorus.

3. "The world has had no ties stronger than these. In our columns it is the glorious month of May. It is the Soviet Union striding forward. The mighty Soviet Union. Alongside strides the new China."

The new China.
The new China.
Chorus—Associated Press.

SHE'LL BE AS GOOD AS NEW

Tokyo, April 10.
A man's wife who swallowed 30 sewing needles and a nail was reported still very much alive.

Mrs. Matsumi Matsubashi, aged 32, quarrelled with her husband over family finances. A week later she had a stomach ache and went to a doctor. An X-ray revealed all the hardware, which was removed by surgery.

Last reports said Mrs. Matsubashi would be as good as new unless complications develop. Doctors said they found the nail but only 11 of the 30 needles.—Associated Press.

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Zoo curator killed by antelope

Bloomfontein, April 9.
A search party today found Mr. T. D. Gerber, the Curator of the Bloomfontein Zoo, lying dead in a stable at the Zoo, having been killed by a black Wildebeeste (a large antelope).

A shotgun, for which Mr. Gerber had sent home last night, lay unfired beside him but there were signs that he had put up a great fight for his life against the animal.

Mr. Gerber, the Curator of the Zoo for more than 25 years, claimed to be the only man in the world to have bred "ligers," a cross between an African lion and a Bengal tiger.—Reuters.

EUROPE'S RECOVERY PROGRESS

Washington, April 9.
Senator Millard Tydings, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, reporting today on his recent trip to the Hague for the meeting of the North Atlantic Pact Defence Committee, said that he found post-war reconstruction advanced to a point where Europeans could do a little more for national defence.

Economic recovery was visible everywhere. "Homes are going up, factories are being revitalised and reopened, bridges destroyed by bombing are being rebuilt. There are many signs of life and renaissance, one might say, in all these countries."

"It has been gradual and slow because it takes money and revenue to do it, but they are coming to the front with increased speed and now it is possible for them to devote a little more time and governmental revenue to national defence."

Senator Tydings' remarks were made in radio interviews. He was encouraged by the willingness of representatives of these countries to assemble to assume their responsibilities.

"The whole programme is working out well, but there is a long way to go," he added. "I do not want to leave the impression that these countries are in a fine state of defence, but they have demonstrated they are ready to undertake the job and have increased their defence potential enormously."—United Press.

COMPOSER DEAD

San Diego, California, April 9.
The composer, Christopher Beswan, who gave the Victorians "In the Shade of the Old Apple Tree," has died here, aged 87.

He wrote most of his music under the name of Harry Williams.—Reuters.

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Return to England

By Winston Churchill



White House and of the American nation, erect and infuriate against tyrants and aggressors. It was to no small prospect that I must return. Eager though I was to be back in London, and sure of ultimate victory I felt continually the approaching impact of a period of immense disasters which must last for many months. My hopes of a victory in the Western Desert, in which Rommel would be destroyed, had faded. Rommel had escaped. The result of Auchinleck's success at Sidi Rezegh and at Gazala had not been decisive. The prestige which these had given us in the making of all our plans for the Anglo-American descent on French North Africa was definitely weakened, and this operation was obviously set back for months.



BLACK-OUT TIME

Prime Minister to Lord Privy Seal. 12 January, 42. As I shall soon be silent for a while, though I trust not for ever, by cable tonight any outstanding points which require decision here before I leave.

On the 14th I took leave of the President. He seemed concerned about the dangers of the voyage. Our presence in Washington had been for many days public to the world, and the charts showed more than 20 U-boats on our route. We flew in our beautiful weather from Norfolk to Bermuda, where the Duke of York, with escorting destroyers, awaited us inside the coral reefs. I travelled in an enormous flying-boat, which was a most favorable impression upon me.

During the three hours' trip I made friends with the Chief Pilot, Captain Kelly Rogers, who seemed a man of high quality and experience. I took the controls for a bit, to feel this wonderful machine of 30 or more tons in the air. I got more and more attached to the flying-boat. Presently I asked the captain, "What about flying from Bermuda to England?" Can you carry enough petrol?" Under his steady exterior he became visibly nervous. Of course we can do it. The present weather forecast would give a 40-miles-an-hour wind behind us. We could do it in 20 hours. I asked how far it was, and he said, "About 3,500 miles." At this I became thoughtful.

My journey might be. They did not demur.

The Governor, Lord Knollys, gave a banquet that night to the island notables and their fleeing guests. We were all in high spirits. Only Tommy (Commander Thompson, R.N.), my Flag Commander, as I called him, was in terror that there would be no room for him. He explained how deeply wounded he was at the idea of going home by sea. He reminded me of his devotion to the pleasures of a hardy sailor of a life on the ocean wave. I dwelt upon the undeniable hazards from the U-boats. He was quite inconceivable.

However, he had a plan. He had persuaded one of the stewards of the flying boat to let him take his place; he would do the washing up himself. But what, I asked, would the captain say? Tommy thought that if at the last moment the captain were confronted with the arrangement he would make no objection. He had ascertained that he weighed less than the steward. I shrugged my shoulders, and on this we went to bed in the small hours of the morning.

I woke up unconsciously early with the conviction that I should certainly not go to sleep again. I must confess that I felt rather frightened. I thought of the ocean spaces, and that we should never be within a thousand miles of land until we approached the British Isles. I thought perhaps I had done a rash thing, that there were too many eggs in one basket. I had always regarded an Atlantic flight with awe. But the die was cast. Still I must admit that if at breakfast, or even before luncheon, they had come to me to report that the weather had changed and we must go by sea, I could have easily recoiled myself to a voyage in the splendid ship which had come all this way to fetch us.

Divine sunlight lapped the island, and the favourable weather prospects were confirmed. At noon we reached the flying boat by launch. We were delayed for an hour on the quay because a picket-boat which had gone to the Duke of York for items of baggage had taken longer than expected. Tommy took over the project as it was a way that captains have. The steward was a trained member of the crew; he could not take one single person more; every tank was filled to the brim with petrol. It would be quite a task getting off the water even as it was. So we taxied out to the far end of the harbour, leaving Tommy lamenting as bitterly as Lord Ullin in the poem, but for different reasons. As before and after these excursions were separated in these excursions.

It was, as the captain had predicted, quite a job to get off the water. Indeed, I thought that which hardly clear the low hills which closed the harbour. There was really no danger: we were in sure hands. The flying-boat lifted ponderously a quarter of a mile from the reef, and we had several hundred feet of height to spare. There is no doubt about the comfort of these great flying-boats. I had a good spread bed in the bridal suite at the stern with large windows on either side.

It was quite a long walk, 30 or 40 feet, downhill through the various compartments, the saloons, and the dining-room, where nothing was lacking in food or drink. The motion was smooth.

the vibration not unpleasant, and we passed an agreeable afternoon and had a merry dinner. These boats have two storeys, and one walks up a regular staircase to the control room. Darkness had fallen, and all the reports were good.

We were now flying through dense mist at about 7,000 feet. One could see the leading edge of the wings, with their great flaming exhausts pouring back over the wing surfaces. In these machines at this time a large rubber tube which expanded and contracted at intervals was used to prevent icing. The captain explained to me how it worked, and we saw from time to time the ice splintering off as it expanded. I went to bed and slept soundly for several hours.

Daylight grows

I woke just before the dawn, and went forward to the controls. The daylight grew. Beneath us was an almost unbroken floor of clouds.

After sitting for an hour or so in the co-pilot's seat I sensed a feeling of anxiety around me. We were supposed to be approaching England from the South West and we ought already to have passed the Scilly Islands, but they had not been seen through any of the gaps in the cloud floor. As we had flown for more than 10 hours through mist and had had only one sight of a star in that time, we might well be slightly off our course after such a lengthy flight. Wireless communication was of course limited by the normal wartime rules.

It was evident from the discussion which was going on that we did not know where we were. Presently Portal, who had been studying the position, had a word with the captain, and then said to me, "We are going to turn North at once." This was done, and after another half-hour in and out of the clouds we sighted England, and soon arrived over Plymouth, where, avoiding the balloons, which were all shining, we landed comfortably.

As I left the aircraft the captain remarked, "I never felt so much relieved in my life as when I landed you safely in the harbour." I did not appreciate the significance of his remark at the moment. Later on I learnt that if we had held on our course for five or six minutes before turning Northwards we should have been over the German batteries in Brest. We had slanted too much to the South during the decisive correction which had been made brought us in, not from the South West, but from just East of South—that is to say, from the enemy's direction rather than from that from which we were expected. This had the result, as I was told some weeks later, that we were reported as a hostile bomber coming in from Brest, and six Hurricanes from Fighter Command were ordered out to shoot us down. However, they failed in their mission.

To President Roosevelt I called. "We got here with a good hop from Bermuda and a 30-mile wind."

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CAUGHT IN THE SPIRAL

A letter was sent to us for publication the other day, praising the pungent way in which another correspondent "W" had "put these Civil Servants over the sticks," and suggesting that a few men like him could clean "this sink of iniquity." No comment is called for on this choice description of this centre of our impersonal pride and attachments. But it does seem necessary to point out that the problems before the Colony are very real and difficult ones. They are not soluble by mere abuse of officials or unofficials, or by purely destructive criticism. They are not to be solved either by clap-trap about Capitalists or clichés about Communist agitators. They are problems that involve questions not only of Government expenditure and taxation, but of rising wages and rising costs of living. The problem in general is how to get out of the vicious circle of more Government expenditure and more taxation, and how to control the inflationary spiral in wages and prices.

Merely to pose the problem is not to solve it, and not even the high degree of control and complicated system of subsidies in Britain has been wholly successful. More controls require more Government officials, and more expenditure; more expenditure leads to more taxation; more taxation to higher prices and less money to pay them; higher prices lead to demands for higher wages; and so it goes on and on. Nor is this spiral the only problem. Critics of Government extravagance turn almost at once from their criticism to put forward demands for more schools, more water, more housing, more social services, more of everything. Even schemes of alternative taxation carry the suspicion that they are chiefly designed to pass the burden on to other backs.

Manifestly we cannot stagnate. Many of the needs are real and clamant—water is certainly one of them. They all cost money, and some of them a lot of money. Money doesn't grow on trees, it has to come out of somebody's pockets. The dilemma is painful and in some moods positively exasperating, but it exists and cannot be spirited away by evasion or destructive criticism.

There are moments when one is disposed to feel the Anarchists are right, and that our affairs could best be managed with a minimum of government. It is a natural emotional reaction to the incessant growth of the bureaucracy everywhere. But laissez faire has gone with the wind, and in the world we live in anarchism, however joyous to the carefree Burmese, is anathema to anybody with a tidy mind and a minimum of self-control. The efficiency adviser with the bumbling title is said to have recommended "sweeping" reductions as the result of his six months' labours in two Departments alone. But they were not accepted in full, and the meagre consequences are attributed to our own special defence needs, the registration scheme and the Economic Services Corps. The status of the 125 employees cut from the P.W.D. payroll and of the further 200 odd contemplated was not stated.

Leaving the U.S.

The time had now come when I must leave the hospitable and exhilarating atmosphere of the

but they are probably in the lowest categories. And Government were certainly wise in turning down the abolition of water meters, even though such action would entail a saving in staff of 200, in view of our serious water situation.

At the other end of the economic structure, the problem of wages and prices was brought to a head by the recent industrial disputes. Some of the big employers are quoted as saying that, however justified by existing living costs, increases in wages or allowances are no real solution. They affirm that before the Colony's pay structure is again revised, Government should consider possible steps to curb rising commodity and food prices. It is not a matter merely of compelling more authoritative data on the facts as they really are. The difficulties under which Professor Robertson laboured showed this necessity. What is needed is a more comprehensive enquiry, of which this would be part, into the whole economic set-up, to cover all the major items in mechanism and costs. It is better to control the spiral than to have perpetual adjustments within it. Whether such control can be exercised and living costs really curbed, is a question on which only a first-class expert Committee, after a most penetrating and labourious enquiry, could determine.

Starting time

The starting time was two p.m. The reason was that it was thought necessary to reduce our baggage to a few boxes of vital papers. I was to remain behind in Washington as my personal luggage was too heavy to take. The President, Mr. Truman, would

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ARAB STATES DRAW UP COLLECTIVE SECURITY TREATY

Military, political and economic pact drafted

Cairo, April 9.

Experts of seven Arab States are reported to have completed details of a far-reaching collective security pact linking them into a military, political and economic alliance against any aggressor. The draft of the pact is ready for submission to the Council of the Arab League with, it was understood, a proviso that any of its seven members not ratifying would be liable to political and economic sanctions. The seven members of the League are Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Syria, the Lebanon, the Yemen and Jordan.

Last night the Council, in session here, tightened its economic blockade of Israel by deciding to ban supplies for ships going to the young Jewish State, to blacklist ships suspected of working for Israel and to withhold supplies or loans of them, and to refuse a visa to any person bearing an Israeli visa on his passport.

Last week, after the last-minute appearance of a Jordan representative, the Council decided to expel any member signing a separate political, military or economic agreement with Israel.

King Abdullah of Jordan, which now administers Arab Palestine, had previously been reported as being about to conclude a pact with Israel.

The collective security scheme was originally proposed by Egypt last October to forestall a then impending merger between Syria and Iraq.

The scheme blossomed during the present Council session into a complete treaty on the lines of the Atlantic Pact. But observers in Cairo today regard the proposed pact as ambitious at this stage, particularly in view of the lack of confidence among the Arab States since the Palestine fighting.

Economic plans

It is understood that Egypt insisted during the discussions that there be a unified military command only after war should have broken out. This was interpreted as meaning that Egypt is not prepared to share her military secrets, to avoid leakage.

Plans for economic progress included in the draft pact are said to envisage the setting up of a Central Arab Bank and a permanent Statistics Bureau, exploiting mineral wealth, developing communications and harnessing agricultural resources.

Usually well-informed Arab sources in Cairo said today that the new military, political and economic alliance is a collective self-defence arrangement among the Arab countries who, while banding together to resist armed attack against any one of them, reaffirm their obligations under the Charter of the Arab League and the United Nations to settle their disputes with any nations by peaceful means.

The draft pact says, in part:

"The high contracting powers declare that any armed attack against a party shall be considered as an aggression directed against all parties. If any party shall be the subject of an armed attack, the other parties, individually or collectively, shall afford the party attacked all military and other aid and assistance in accordance with Article 6 of the Arab League and Article 51 of the United Nations Charter.

Permanent council

"The Arab League Council and the United Nations Security Council shall be immediately informed of aggression or the threat of an armed attack, as well as the measures taken.

"For the purpose of consulting together on all questions dealt with in the proposed Arab treaty, the parties shall create a Consultative Council, which shall be so organized as to be able to exercise its functions continuously, unaffected by changes of government.

"The Consultative Council is competent in all questions regarding the application of the Security Pact and shall discuss any situation which may constitute a threat to peace and the steps to be taken in cases of aggression.

"It shall be incumbent upon this Consultative Council to

Institute a special committee composed of the Chiefs of Staff of the armies of the contracting parties in order to recommend the necessary collective defensive measures."

Unity necessary

In the event of war, the post of Commander-in-Chief of all the forces in the field would be entrusted, as a matter of principle, to the Commander-in-Chief of the forces of the party on whose territory military operations were taking place, or the Commander-in-Chief of the party which provided the largest number of forces in the field.

An economic annex to the draft pact says that, convinced of the close community of their interests and the necessity of unity in order to assist the economic recovery of the Arab Middle East, the "contracting parties shall so organize and co-ordinate their economic activities as to produce the best possible results by the elimination of conflict in their economic policies, the co-ordination of production and the development of commercial exchanges."

The annex continues: "The parties shall endeavour to conclude as soon as possible conventions with each other in the sphere of economic and social security."—Reuter.

Wage policy backed by Co-ops

Great Yarmouth, April 9.

The conference of the British Co-operative Party, which has 8,000,000 members, today backed the "wage freeze" policy of the Government and Trades Union Congress.

The conference rejected a motion protesting that the freeze burdened the working class people unfairly.

The Party is closely linked with the Labour Party and normally supports the Labour Government.

The Secretary, Mr. Jack Bailey, asking the conference to reject the protest motion, said that trade union restraint in wage demands had shown that the workers were willing to trust the Government to distribute burdens fairly.

A later motion, passed by a large majority, deeply regretted the Government's decision to make a one shilling charge for previously free drug prescriptions under the National Health Scheme.

Earlier today delegates attacked the working of Britain's nationalised industries and underlined the dangers of bureaucracy.—Reuter.

TUG TRAGEDY

Norfolk, Virginia, April 9. The tug Lorraine sank in Lower Chesapeake Bay today while towing a coal-laden barge. Six members of the crew are believed to have been drowned. Captain O. P. Brown was rescued from the Lorraine's pilot house in a semi-conscious condition four hours afterwards.—Associated Press.



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Tension over Trieste eases

London, April 9. British officials this week end see grounds for believing that the tension over the future of Trieste has slightly eased since the interview given by Marshal Tito and published in the London "Times" yesterday. In this interview Marshal Tito said that the Trieste question is not of great current importance. In official quarters here this phrase has been interpreted as indicating that Yugoslavia will not regard the elections to be held next week in the Yugoslav-occupied Zone as final.—Reuter.

ANOTHER MCCARTHY BROADSIDE

Washington, April 9.

Senator Joseph McCarthy said today that whether Owen Lattimore is a Russian spy or not he has done exactly what would be expected of such an agent.

In an angrily worded telegram to the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, Senator McCarthy accused Mr. Lattimore of secretly sabotaging U.S. foreign policy along identical lines of the Communist programme. Mr. Lattimore has denied that he shaped the United States Far Eastern policy.

Senator McCarthy's telegram, sent from New York, where he is attempting to find witnesses to support his charges against Mr. Lattimore, responded to a statement that the Deputy Under-Secretary of State, Joe Puerfery, made on Saturday night.

Senator McCarthy said, "Regardless whether Lattimore is a Russian agent, he has done exactly what would be expected of such an agent in secretly sabotaging our anti-Communist ally in the war and secretly shaping our foreign policy along identical lines of the Communist programme."

Senator McCarthy avoided a challenge today to repeat his charges against Mr. Lattimore without Congressional immunity and was denounced by a Democratic Congressman as irresponsible. The challenge and accusation were levelled by Representative John Dingell during a radio debate.

Senator McCarthy spent the week-end at a shuttle between New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore in an attempt to round up thus far anonymous witnesses who, he says, can prove his charges against Mr. Lattimore. He has refused to name them without the permission.

Senator Millard Tydings, chairman of the Foreign Relations sub-committee, said in another radio broadcast that Senator McCarthy promised to give the sub-committee by Tuesday the names of the witnesses.—United Press.

Arabs backing African freedom

Cairo, April 9.

The Arab League Political Committee, the League's policy making body, has decided that the Arab states should take a definite stand in support of the independence of French and Spanish North Africa, a high Arab League source said today.

The informant told The Associated Press that the Committee will submit to the League Council recommendations for a policy supporting the independence of Spanish and French Morocco, French Tunisia and Algeria.

The source declined to outline the recommendations. The Arab States so far have expressed sympathy for North African independence aspirations but have taken no official stand on the issue.—Associated Press.

Stirring scenes at St. Peter's

Rome April 9.

Half a million people knelt in silence here today as Pope Pius XII held out his hand in blessing from a balcony high on the facade of St. Peter's.

Then they broke into cheer upon cheer as the Pope waved, first to those packed 100 feet below him, and then to the immense multitude stretching two-thirds of a mile across the great circle before St. Peter's and down the broad avenue leading to the Tiber.

The Pope's Solemn Blessing Urbi et Orbi—to the city and the world—ended the impressive Easter celebrations which brought to a climax the Catholic Church's Holy Year.

Inside St. Peter's, 50,000 pilgrims from all over the world had seen the Pope carried shoulder-high on his crimson throne to officiate at High Mass.

Throughout the three-hour ceremony, the 74-year-old Holy Father was attended by his physician, Dr. Riccardo Galeazzi-Lisi, and a valet carrying a first aid kit in a gold-handled walnut box.

"If all men decide to follow Christ," the Pope told the huge congregation, speaking in a gentle, firm voice, "they shall become sharers of that interior peace which is the perfection of joy even though they must endure affliction, persecution and injustice at the hands of men."

"And if everyone attains this true interior peace, when hatreds are spent and passions calmed, when riches are distributed according to a more equitable criterion of justice and charity, then at last there can arise for the entire world with unfailing certainty and with happy omen for the future that which has been defined as the harmony of order."

When the Pope first entered the Basilica he was greeted by a slow march played on six silver trumpets high above the doorway.

Thousands of electric candles sprang alight, blazing on the great crimson damask hangings.

Seated on a throne draped in white silk at the end of the 600-foot nave, the Pope received the homage of his Cardinals, who came forward one by one to kneel and kiss his satin slipper.

On the High Altar where the Pope celebrated Mass, stood the six famous golden candlesticks by Benvenuto Cellini.

The Epistle and Gospel were sung in Greek by a special choir of Greek singers. When these were over the Pope delivered his Easter homily.

Immediately the service was over the Pope blessed the pilgrims within the Basilica and was carried out on his throne, the triple jewelled crown on his head, down the central aisle and to the balcony to give the Apostolic Blessing to the multitude gathered in the open air.—Reuter.

MORPHINE MURDERS THEORY

Peterborough, April 6.

Mass murder by morphine was suspected in the daffodil and tulip villages of Eastern England today.

Plainclothes detectives are probing what may become one of the most sensational poisoning mysteries of the century.

Police spent the Easter week-end visiting chemist stores looking for evidence that might explain the sudden deaths a year ago of two old village inhabitants at Whaploade Drove, Lincolnshire, and give them a clue for the investigations into the deaths of at least three other persons in villages near Peterborough.

Scientists at Nottingham Forensic Science Laboratory are expected to announce on Tuesday the results of their examinations of the organs taken from the bodies of two men exhumed from Whaploade Drove village cemetery last week.

The police are awaiting their report before deciding whether to examine three or four other bodies.

Death certificates in all cases record "natural causes," but after interviewing many friends and relatives, the police are reported to believe that symptoms were shown which could be connected with morphine poisoning.—Reuter.

ALLEGED BORDER VIOLATIONS

Frankfurt, April 9.

Bulgaria and Albania have protested to the United Nations against alleged violations of their frontiers by Greek forces.

The Albanian news agency Atina, in a Tirana despatch, said a protest note was sent to the UN secretary general, Trygve Lie, by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mihal Priti, and reported 16 violations of Albanian territory by Greek troops and planes during March.

The Bulgarian protest was reported in a Sofia despatch by the Soviet news agency Tass. It said the violation occurred on April 6.—United Press.

HONG KONG TO HAWAII SNORKEL RECORD

Washington, April 9.

The Navy announced today that one of its Snorkel-type submarines has made a 21-day, 5,200-mile run from Hong Kong to Pearl Harbour without surfacing.

There was no official claim to a record for submerged voyages, but officers said that so far as they know it was the longest run ever made all under water. The precise time during which the USS Pickerel relied on its Snorkel "breathing" apparatus was given as 505 hours, one hour longer over 21 days.

The submarine dived off Hong Kong on March 15 and came up at the Hawaiian Naval base on April 5.

Commander Paul R. Schratz of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is the skipper of the Pickerel. The submarine was built at the Portsmouth, New Hampshire, naval shipyard and was commissioned on April 4, 1949. She went to the Pacific fleet last autumn.

The Snorkel apparatus, with which the latest U.S. subs are equipped, is a breathing tube which extends to the surface. It was developed by Germany during the war, from a Dutch idea.—Associated Press.

Huk raid in Manila vicinity

Manila, April 10.

A third raid within two weeks by Communist-led Hukos on Montalban, mountain village less than 30 minutes' drive from the centre of Manila, was beaten off early yesterday by Army and Constabulary forces. A Constabulary sentry killed when the Huk band opened fire was the only casualty.

The Huk fire was directed at the Constabulary garrison quarters. The exchange of fire died away after 30 minutes.

Montalban is easily accessible from the Huk's hide-outs in the Sierra Madre Mountains East of Manila. It was the first target of the Huk raids commencing on March 28 on the eighth anniversary of the founding of the Huk movement as an anti-Japanese guerrilla force. Last week it was again the target of Huk fire in a night raid.

Army sources expressed the belief the Hukos are continuing their hit-and-run tactics as close to Manila as possible in an attempt to divert Army combat teams being grouped in other sections for a drive into the mountain strongholds of the dissidents.—Associated Press.

QUAKE TREMORS CAUSE PANIC

Calabria, April 9.

Two earthquake tremors were reported tonight in the area round this town in the toe of Italy. Scenes of panic took place during the Easter celebrations, according to first police reports. There have so far been no reports of damage or casualties.—Reuter.

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Boy claims to have touched a "flying saucer"

Amarillo, Texas, April 9.

Twelve-year-old David Lightfoot claimed today that he has not only seen a flying saucer but actually touched it.

What is more, he has a witness to back his statement, plus an inflamed arm and face which, he said, were caused by the strange disc.

David and his nine-year-old cousin, Charles Lightfoot, told their story to the "Amarillo Globe-News."

They said they were fishing on Saturday about 10 miles North East of here when they sighted what they thought was a balloon that passed only a few feet above their heads.

David exclaimed, "Maybe it's one of those flying saucers" and the two lads gave chase. David said the object lit just on the other side of a small hill. They raced over the knoll and found a disc about as big around as a motor car tyre and about 18 inches thick.

David related, "It was rounded on the bottom with the top resembling a flat plate. The top was separated from the bottom by about an inch of space but they were joined by some sort of screw in the middle."

David said the top section was still spinning rapidly as he approached the object.

"I reached for it but my fingers barely touched it. It was slick like a snake and hot too."

Emitted gas

The top began spinning faster and the disc zoomed off and disappeared to the North East in less than 10 seconds.

It emitted a sort of gas as it left that turned his arms and face bright red and caused small welts. David's father applied skin lotion which eliminated the welts but the redness remained.

Charles was not able to run as fast as David and was still 100 yards away when the disc resumed its flight. He agreed with David that the object was on the ground for about a minute.

Both boys declared they were sincere in their report. Neither thought that flying saucers come from other planets but as David put it, "It is something the United States is doing." The United States Army has consistently denied the existence of flying saucers.—United Press.

DAYLIGHT SAVING IN JAPAN

Tokyo, April 10.

Japan will go on daylight saving time this year at midnight on May 6.

General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced that all occupation forces within Japan will conform with the Japanese time change.

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Pilot train derailed by guerillas

Singapore, April 9.
Guerillas derailed the pilot train of the night mail train from Singapore to Kuala Lumpur last night. The train driver was slightly injured, but there were no other casualties.

The guerillas had removed rails from the track in the Klang area, about 60 miles from Singapore.

Trains on night service between Singapore and Kuala Lumpur, and certain other sections in the country, have been preceded by a pilot train and accompanied by an armed escort since the emergency, through guerilla activities, started in 1948.—Reuter.

TROUBLE LOOMING IN BOLIVIA

La Paz, April 9.
The Government prepared today to take strong measures to guard against political disorders which might grow out of opposition to newly adopted economic decrees.

"We will not surrender power under threat of a new civil war provoked this time by the dictatorship of revolutionary labour unions," President Mamore Kriologitine said in a message to the nation.—Associated Press.

JAKARTA DISSOLVES SEVEN FEDERAL STATES

The Hague, April 9.

A Presidential decree of the United States of Indonesia has dissolved seven of its Federal States, leaving only three of the original member States.

The three are East Indonesia (Macassar), West Borneo and East Sumatra.

East Indonesia is, outside Java, the greatest of the member States and successful resistance there might stiffen the other two in their resistance to the elimination of federalism in the new nation.

The Central Federal Government of the United States of Indonesia at Jakarta is strongly in favour of the movement for union rather than federalism.

Last Wednesday's revolt at Macassar, where the rebel leader, Captain Andi Abdul Aziz, is still in control, came simultaneously with the arrest of Sultan Hamid of Pontianak (West Borneo).

The Sultan, Indonesian Federal Minister Without Portfolio, was arrested on Wednesday on a charge of organising the revolt led by Captain "Turo" Westerling in West Java in January.

These events in two of the Federal States were followed on Friday by the Presidential decree dissolving seven other Indonesian States.

These were Kota Waringin, Djak Besar (the Greater Dyak territory), Bandjar and South East

Japanese survivors give up

Manila, April 10.

Two Japanese, believing their country is still fighting the United States, came down out of the mountains after living more than five years on a diet of roots, fruits and wild game.

"We do not want to go back to Japan," said Huzatsu Yasumi, aged 26, who with Oga Sawaru, aged 30, surrendered to Philippine Constabulary at the village of Sual in Pangasinan Province. "We would like to stay in the Philippines," added Yasumi, who is single. Oga Sawaru said he left a wife and family in Japan, according to a report from the "Manila Chronicle" correspondent in Dagupan.

The Japanese said they were Privates First Class in the Achia Battalion and were sent to the Philippines in late 1944 with the last group of Nipponese reinforcements to reach the islands.—Associated Press.

Cairo, April 9.
Claude Massey, Australia's first Minister to Egypt, presented his credentials to King Farouk yesterday.—Associated Press.

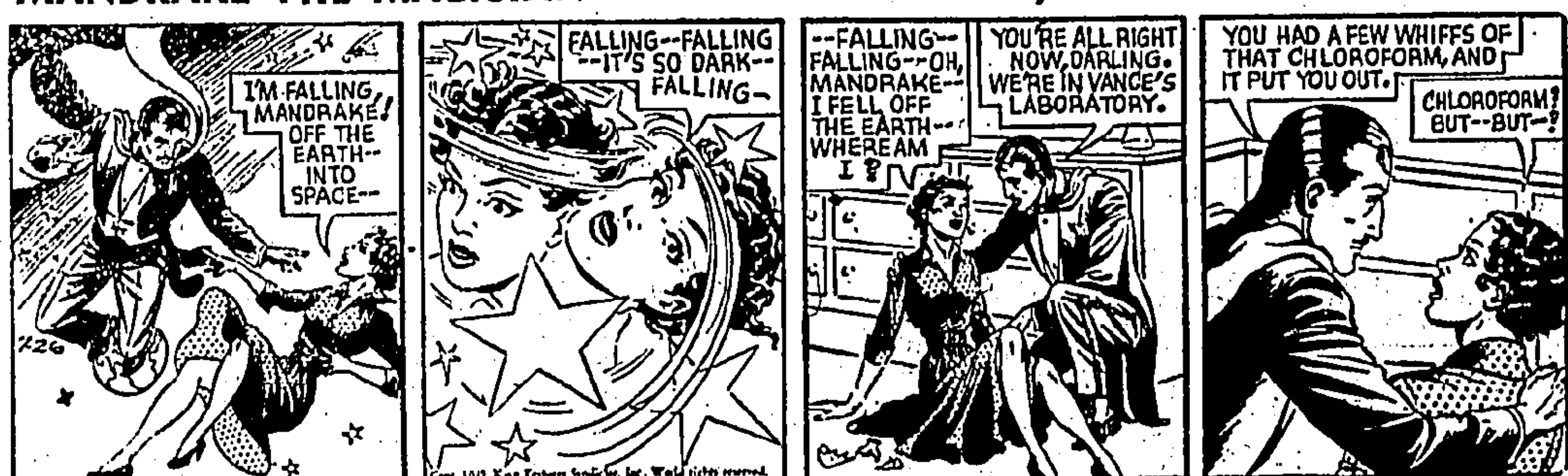
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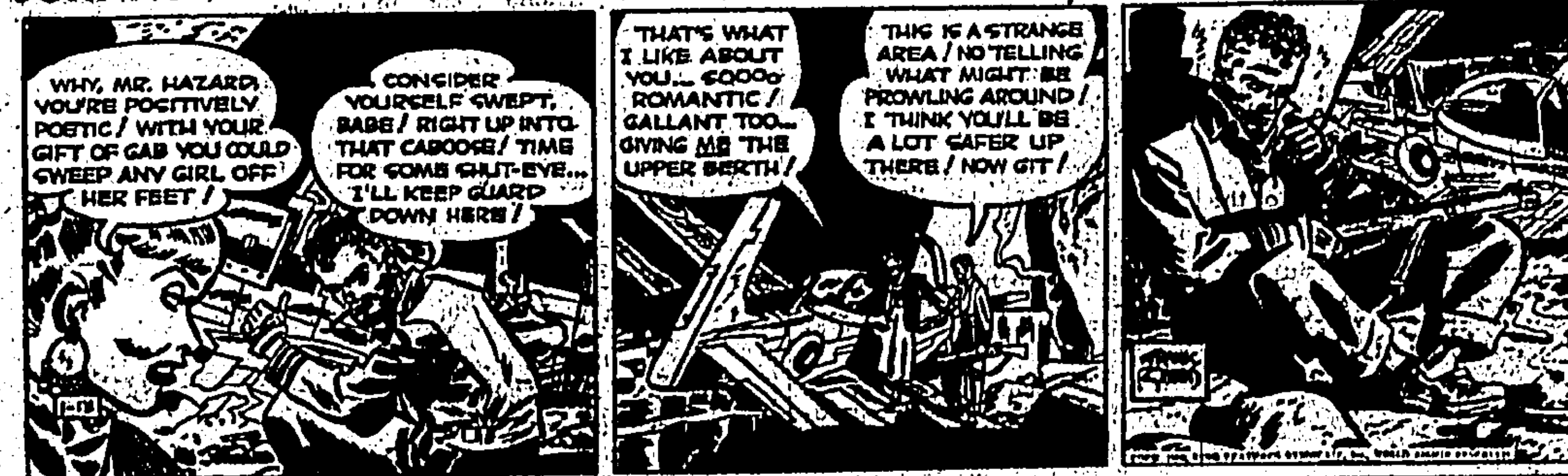
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RUSSIANS TRYING TO SELL OIL TO SPAIN

Madrid, April 10.

Representatives of the Soviet Union arrived in Madrid today to discuss an agreement for the sale of vitally important petroleum products to Spain, according to an especially well-informed source.

The news cannot be verified and further details are not yet available, but the report is considered to have some sound basis.

Government sources here have been suggesting indirectly for several months that if the United States and other Western powers did not take a friendly attitude toward Spain under the Franco regime, Madrid might be forced into playing with the Soviet Union economically though not politically.

Spanish authorities in the past have not denied reports that they have had various deals with the Soviet Union through roundabout channels, though they have never officially acknowledged them. In 1947, when they were extremely hard-pressed for fertilisers, Spaniards bought them from the Soviet Union, taking delivery through the Middle East and making pay-

ment through Buenos Aires. Though the Moscow radio waxed indignant over the reports of those transactions, it was conceded privately by good Spanish sources that the reports were correct. No denial was published here.

It has not been possible to learn the identity of the negotiators for the Soviet Union who have arrived here, nor even whether they are Russian nationals—which is considered most unlikely—but the source of this information was most positive on the fact of their arrival and he should be in a position to know.

Hint to U.S.

Spain has trade problems that could be called complementary to the Soviet Union's and geographically she is not badly placed to trade with the Russians. The average Spaniard's attitude, if you ask him about the matter, is that if Spain needs oils or fertilisers or anything else and can buy them from the Soviet Union, the important point is that Spain is being aided rather than that she is promoting Russian foreign trade.

On top of that, Falangist circles for some time have believed it is not a bad idea to publicise the possibility of developing trade with the Soviet Union.

They hope this will frighten the United States into being more open-handed with Spain on questions of trade and loans. A few weeks ago the Spanish Government advertised its desire to buy grain from anybody who would sell it.

The arrival here of the negotiators to discuss the Soviet's supplying of petroleum, grain, fertilisers or any other vital needs could have the double purpose of spurring reluctant United States sources into giving Spain a loan and—if that failed—of leading to a genuine deal with the Soviet Union.

ISRAEL'S MERCHANT MARINE

New York, April 9.

Israel's merchant marine acquired enough ships last year to carry half its cargo trade from the United States and almost the same share of its European trade, according to an article in the New York "Herald-Tribune" today.

It said that the phenomenal growth of Israel's merchant fleet began last Spring with the dedication of the Israeli-American Lines' cargo vessel, Haifa, a Victory ship purchased from Canada. Since then the Line has acquired three similar ships to carry the Israel flag service from New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia and St. John's to Haifa.

The Haifa, the latest to join the fleet, will make her initial sailing from New York on Friday.

The same year had seen the establishment of Dizengoff and Company, Ltd., of Haifa, as ship operators. The Company already operated two merchant vessels.

Although trade between the United States and Israel is the most important for that new country, it is estimated that six cargo vessels can handle half of it with ease, the article said.

"Israel Government and shipping officials hope that the other half will be carried in American bottoms in line with the Israeli Government's shipping policy as far as the ships that carry it are concerned."

"Israel aspires to become a maritime nation and is encouraging development of its merchant-making,"—Reuter.

OVER-PRODUCTION OF PETROL

Perth, April 9.

The world is reaching a stage of over-production of petrol, according to the Australian Fuel Minister.

British and American wells in Borneo had returned to production and British refining activities had been stepped up, he said in a speech here.

The lack of these facilities had been one of the main factors contributing to the shortage of non-dollar petrol.

Declaring that Australia would experience no shortage of petrol, he added: "In addition to the 50 million gallons looked on as essential for the defence reserve, we now have adequate stocks for normal trading."—Reuter.

PRICE INDEX

New York, April 9.

The Associated Press index of 35 important wholesale commodity prices this week advanced slightly to 100.49 from 100.75 last week. One year ago, the index stood at 100.02.

Industrials and grains and cotton components climbed to new highs for the year—but food dropped to a new low of 130.26. —Associated Press.

COAL EMBARGO IN GERMANY

Berlin, April 9.

The Ruhr coal mines have stopped deliveries to the Russian zone of Germany in a new dispute over method of payment.

The coal embargo coming on top of an embargo on steel, has infuriated East German trade circles.

U.S. officials, disclosing the situation today, said the West German coal producers had demanded letters of credit from Eastern buyers. The buyers were in no financial position to put forth such credit and the producers thereupon shut off shipment. —Associated Press.

Asia wants aid with no strings attached

Washington, April 9.

The United States, in its efforts to assist further the economic rehabilitation of Far East countries, is keeping strongly in mind the desires of those nations to administer their own affairs without dictation from foreign sources.

This aspect of the Oriental economic problem has been given fresh emphasis here by U.S. officials in their reinvigorated efforts to get trade among Oriental countries going on a more active basis than has existed since before the war.

Officials here emphasize that in any consideration of a move to establish an overall agency for helping Asian nations no thought is being given to any possible procedures that would conflict with the unrestricted exercise of full domestic authority by those countries.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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EUROPE'S TRADE WITH AMERICA

Washington, April 9.

The Economic Co-operation Administration has set up a special division to spur the sales of European goods in the United States.

The Marshall Plan agency did not announce who will head the trade promotion unit, but Mr. Wayne Taylor is expected to direct the new operation, designed to provide Western Europe with more dollars.

Mr. Taylor, as Assistant to Mr. Paul Hoffman, the ECA chief, has made a special study of this major hurdle in the Recovery Programme.

Last week, President Truman asked the former Army Secretary, Mr. Gordon Gray, to undertake a special survey on how to increase the trade flow between the United States and its friends overseas.—Reuter.

EGYPTO-BULGAR TRADE PACT

Sofia, April 9.

Bulgaria and Egypt signed a one-year trade agreement effective immediately, it was announced here today.—Associated Press.

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"BENVOULICH"	—do—	27th May
"BENMACDHUI"	—do—	6th June
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